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W.F.,

PETITIONER,

v.

HORIZON NJ HEALTH,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 02924-16

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this matter, consisting of the Initial Decision, the documents in evidence and the contents of the OAL case file. No exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is July 28, 2016 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10 which requires an Agency Head to adopt, reject or modify the Initial Decision within 45 days of the agency's receipt. The Initial Decision was received on June 23, 2016.


Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision in its entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. The issue in this case concerns approval for fixed bridges. As set forth in the regulations addressing Prosthodontic

treatment, "[f]ixed bridges will not normally be prior authorized." N.J.A.C. 10:56-2.13(b). Moreover, Horizon's representative explained at the hearing that Horizon's clinical criteria and guidelines ordinarily preclude approval for a bridge for posterior (back) teeth. See R-2 in evidence. Additionally, no evidence was presented to establish medical necessity for the bridges, such that Petitioner is unable to eat or otherwise function without the bridges. I have reviewed the case file in its entirety and find no reason to disturb the ALJ's decision.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{12th} day of July 2016,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision affirming the denial of dental services is hereby ADOPTED as the Final Decision.


Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services