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PETITIONER.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

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OAL DKT. NO. HMA 11621-14

UNITED HEALTHCARE.

RESPONDENT.

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 March 20, 2015 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 February 3, 2015.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the findings, conclusions and recommended decision of the Administrative Law Judge in their

entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. Following completion of the PCA Beneficiary Assessment Tool, United Healthcare determined that Petitioner needed a total of 10 hours of weekly PCA services. I am persuaded by the fact that no evidence was presented suggesting that any needed service or task cannot be performed within 10 hours per week. Moreover, as noted by the ALJ, Petitioner provided no evidence or explanation as to why this level of PCA services is insufficient.

THEREFORE, it is on this 4th day of March 2015,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision affirming the reduction of PCA services to 10 hours per week is hereby ADOPTED as the Final Decision.

Valerie J. Harr, Director

Division of Medical Assistance

and Health Services