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ELIZABETH CONNOLLY Acting Commissioner

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| М.В., | |
| PETITIONER, | : ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION |
| ν. | FINAL AGENCY DECISION |
| | : OAL DKT. NO. HMA 02293-15 |
| UNITED HEALTHCARE, | |
| RESPONDENT. | |

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the OAL case file and the Initial Decision approving the Settlement Agreement reached by the parties. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision is November 6, 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 receipt. The Initial Decision was received on September 22, 2015.

This appeal stems from United Healthcare's decision to reduce the amount of Petitioner's Personal Care Assistant hours. However, by Settlement Agreement filed with the Office of Administrative Law, the parties agreed to

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amicably resolve the issue whereby United Healthcare agreed to continue providing 25 hours of weekly PCA hours until the next assessment.

The ALJ approved the Settlement Agreement because it was consistent with the law, fully disposed of all issues in controversy and was voluntarily entered into by both parties, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

I agree with the ALJ's conclusions regarding the Settlement Agreement and ADOPT the Initial Decision as based upon substantial credible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

THEREFORE, it is on this a day of October 2015,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision approving the Settlement Agreement in this matter is hereby ADOPTED.

Valerie J. Harr, Director Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services