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J.P.,	:	
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PETITIONER,	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
	:	
v.	:	FINAL AGENCY DECISION
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HORIZON NJ HEALTH,	:	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 18203-16
	:	
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 entire 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 June 1, 2017 in accordance with and Order of Extension. The Initial Decision in this case was received on March 1, 2017.

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. The issue in this case concerns the approval of a root canal for tooth #25. Horizon's representative explained at the hearing that Horizon's clinical criteria and guidelines ordinarily preclude approval for a root canal where, as is the case here, there is more than 50% bone loss. Petitioner presented no evidence to the contrary. I have reviewed the case file in its entirety and find no reason to disturb the ALJ's decision.

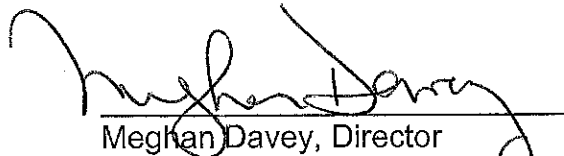
THEREFORE, it is on this <sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> day of MAY 2017,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision affirming the denial of dental services is hereby

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ADOPTED as the Final Decision.

  
Meghan Davey, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services