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M.A.,
PETITIONER,
v.
HORIZON NJ HEALTH,
RESPONDENT.
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
FINAL AGENCY DECISION
OAL DKT. NO. HMA 17596-16

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, the contents of the OAL case file, United Healthcare's exceptions to the Initial Decision and Petitioner's reply. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is April 3, 2017, 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 16, 2017.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision reversing the denial of sacroiliac (SI) joint surgery. I agree with the ALJ that the


credible evidence in this record demonstrates that the surgery is medically necessary.

My decision in this case is based upon the medical condition and needs of this particular member as set forth in the record of this case. Furthermore, the decision should not be construed as setting forth a standard for other persons because coverage for a particular service varies from person to person based upon the facts of their individual cases.

THEREFORE, it is on this 28th day of March 2017,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision reversing the denial of SI joint fusion surgery is hereby ADOPTED as the Final Decision in this matter.



Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services