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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES AND
MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD
OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

RESPONDENTS.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION** 

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 07788-17

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 September 11, 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 receipt. The Initial Decision was received on July 26, 2017.

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This matter arises from the termination of Medicaid eligibility based upon excess income. However, at the scheduled OAL hearing, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement whereby Petitioner agreed that her income exceeds the limit to qualify for Medicaid benefits and indicated that she would apply for coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

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.

Based upon my review of the record, I agree with the ALJ's conclusions and ADOPT the Settlement Agreement as based upon substantial credible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

THEREFORE, it is on this day of August 2017,

ORDERED:

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

Meghán₋Davey, Director

Division of Medical Assistance

and Health Services