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AND HEALTH SERVICES

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PETITIONER,	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
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v.	:	FINAL DECISION
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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	:	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 14561-19 (ON REMAND)
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AND HEALTH SERVICES AND	:	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 05177-19
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PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF	:	
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SOCIAL SERVICES,	:	
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RESPONDENTS.	:	

As Assistant Commissioner 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 Decision is January 21, 2020, 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 December 5, 2019.

This matter arises from Passaic County Board of Social Services' (Passaic County) denial of eligibility based on Petitioner's failure to complete the Enhanced At-Risk Criteria (EARC) Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) with the Office of Community Choice Options (OCCO). Following an Initial Decision dated August 9, 2019, the matter was

remanded to resolve the issue of whether the County properly denied eligibility based on the PAS. On remand, the parties resolved the outstanding issues and entered into a mutually acceptable agreement on the record.

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. 1:11-19.1.

Based on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings and hereby ADOPT the Settlement Agreement.

THEREFORE, it is on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY 2020,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision approving the terms of the Settlement Agreement in this matter is hereby ADOPTED; and



Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services