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ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL	:	
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PETITIONER,	:	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION</b>
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v.	:	<b>FINAL AGENCY DECISION</b>
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MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION	:	<b>OAL DKT. NO. HMA 04172-20</b>
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RESPONDENT.	:	

As Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS), I have reviewed the record in this case, including the OAL case file and the Initial Decision in this matter. Neither party filed Exceptions. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is November 15, 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 October 1, 2020.

By Initial Decision dated September 30, 2020, the ALJ dismissed the appeal as Petitioner failed to appear for the hearing or contact the court. The matter concerns the

denial of a payment for the hospitalization of a Medicaid client. The ALJ recounted three separate attempts made to contact St. Francis Medical Center on May 26, 2020, July 9, 2020 and September 2, 2020. The September 2, 2020 letter notified Petitioner that failure to appear for the September 21, 2020 conference call could result in the return of this matter to the transmitting agency. St. Francis failed to appear or respond to the final notice.

Thus, I agree with the ALJ's dismissal of this case but would add that this dismissal is with prejudice.

THEREFORE, it is on this 27th day of OCTOBER 2020

ORDERED:

That Petitioner's request for a fair hearing is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE; and

That the denial of payment based on utilization review is UPHELD.



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Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner  
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And Health Services