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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 05713-18 B.P.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C115278007 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/GA benefits contending that her unemployment insurance benefits ("UIB") income exceeds the maximum allowable income level for receipt of said benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On May 8, 2018, the Honorable Mumtaz Bari-Brown, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing and took testimony. No documents were entered into evidence.

On May 30, 2018, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. Here, the record reflects, and Petitioner acknowledges, that she receives UIB in the amount \$218 per week. See Initial Decision at 2. Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that Petitioner's UIB exceeds the maximum allowable income level of \$210 for WFNJ/GA eligibility, thereby making her ineligible for WFNJ/GA benefits, and in turn, ineligible for Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-3.5(a), and -6.2(a) (stating that only WFNJ cash assistance recipients and Supplemental Security Income recipients are eligible for EA benefits). See Initial Decision at 3. I agree.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the ALJ's Initial Decision, and following an independent review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's final conclusion in this matter and hereby ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED, and the Agency's determination is AFFIRMED.

Officially approved final version. JUN 11 2018

Natasha Johnson
Director

