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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 10169-14 A.C.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA51190 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 4, 2014, the Honorable James A. Geraghty, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a hearing, took testimony and admitted documents. On September 19, 2014, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I independently reviewed the record and hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

Petitioner is the primary source of eligibility information and is responsible to provide all documentation required to establish eligibility for assistance. N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.6(a); -2.2(a)(5). "Any WFNJ applicant/recipient who fails at any time to cooperate with any of the WFNJ program requirements without good cause shall render some or all of the assistance unit ineligible for WFNJ benefits." N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.2(d). Petitioner made no apparent effort to obtain a requested written explanation why he left his most recent job, or to document the receipt and exhaustion of unemployment insurance benefits in connection with the Agency's evaluation of his WFNJ/GA eligibility. N.J.A.C. 10:90-3.1(a).

For the foregoing reasons, I ADOPT the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

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