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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 12039-15 B.G.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA51407 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's alleged underpayment of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits. The Agency reduced Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits because she did not have a current Med-1 Form. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 13, 2015, the Honorable Richard McGill, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On October 15, 2015, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision adopting the Agency determination.

In his Initial Decision, the ALJ found that Petitioner's Med-1 Form expired on February 28, 2015. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1. On February 18, 2015, Petitioner provided a new Med-1 Form to her doctor for completion. See Initial Decision at 2. However, Petitioner's doctor did not provide the updated Med-1 Form to the Agency until March 10, 2015. Ibid. Therefore, the Agency prorated Petitioner's usual \$210.00 monthly WFNJ/GA benefit payment for March 2015, and Petitioner received \$147.00 for that month. See Initial Decision at 2-3; see also Exhibit R-2. The ALJ concluded that the Agency properly prorated Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits for an unemployable person beginning on March 10, 2015 and, therefore, that Petitioner did not receive an underpayment of WFNJ/GA benefits for March 2015. Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that Petitioner's appeal should be dismissed.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the record in this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision and, having made an independent evaluation of the record, I concur with the Initial Decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision in this matter is ADOPTED and the Agency's action is hereby AFFIRMED.

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at DFD, BARA

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Natasha Johnson  
Director