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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 3467-15 C.S.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA577649 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA"), Emergency Assistance ("EA"), and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing.

On March 17, 2015, the Honorable Imre Karaszegi, Jr., Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held an emergent hearing, took testimony, and issued an Initial Decision which reversed the Agency determination. The ALJ found that Petitioner presented immediate need and hardship and ordered that immediate need be granted to prevent the housing emergency. See Initial Decision at 2. The ALJ further remanded the matter back to the Agency "to obtain necessary documents for future benefit eligibility for EA, [SNAP] ...."

No exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As the Deputy 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 hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision, REVERSE the Agency determination and REMAND the matter to the Agency.

There is no evidence presented in the record that Petitioner has completed the required 28-day work activity for receipt of WFNJ/GA benefits. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.2(f)(8). Petitioner is put on notice that she is to complete this requirement for receipt of WFNJ/GA benefits if she has not already done so.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is ADOPTED and the Agency determination is REVERSED and REMANDED to the Agency in accordance with the directive of the Initial Decision.

*Signed Copy on File*  
at DFD, BARA

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