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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 13269-14 D.T.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA485557 (CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of her Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits in the form of shelter placement. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits for non-compliance with her service plan and shelter rules. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 17, 2014, the Honorable Joseph A. Ascione, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On October 20, 2014, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's termination of Petitioner's EA benefits. Noting that Petitioner was terminated from two shelter placements for violations of housing rules, the ALJ concluded that Petitioner had not complied with the terms of her service plan and therefore, was not entitled to further EA benefits. See Initial Decision at 4-5.

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 ALJ's Initial Decision and following an independent review of the record in this matter, I concur with the ALJ's decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in this matter.

Based upon the foregoing, the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED and the Agency decision is AFFIRMED.

**OCT 27 2014**

*Signed Copy on File*  
at DFD, BARA

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins  
Director