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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 874-15 E.J.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C097820 (BURLINGTON COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's termination of Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") and Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits because Petitioner's countable income exceeded the maximum allowable benefit level. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On February 25, 2015, the Honorable John S. Kennedy, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On March 11, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination.

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 record in this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision, and having made an independent evaluation of the record, I ADOPT the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

I concur with the ALJ's finding that the Agency appropriately terminated WFNJ/TANF benefits because Petitioner's Unemployment Insurance Benefits ("UIB") in the amount of \$1,399.00 exceeded the applicable maximum allowable benefit level under N.J.A.C. 10:90-3.3(b). Initial Decision at 3. Based upon the foregoing, I find that the Agency also appropriately terminated EA benefits. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.2(a).

Petitioner may reapply for WFNJ/TANF and EA benefits, without prejudice, subject to applicable eligibility criteria.

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

APR 27 2015

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Natasha Johnson
Director