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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 10019-14 E.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C0324250 (SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of her Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF benefits because she voluntarily quit her job. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 8, 2014, the Honorable Bruce M. Gorman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On September 15, 2014, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination.

No exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

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

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:90-4.14, an adult recipient of WFNJ benefits, who voluntarily quits a job, without good cause, shall render the entire assistance unit ineligible for WFNJ cash assistance benefits for a period of two months. The two month period of ineligibility shall begin on the date that the Agency makes the determination that the recipient quit the job. Ibid.

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Here, Petitioner testified that she voluntarily quit her job because the childcare agency never responded to her telephone call. A letter from the childcare agency dated July 21, 2014 stated that they reached out to Petitioner by way of letter, but the Petitioner failed to respond. See Exhibit R1:11. As such, the ALJ concluded, and I agree, that, the Agency properly terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF benefits.

Accordingly, the Agency action is AFFIRMED.

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