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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 7424-15 J.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C192999 (PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from 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 as it contended that Petitioner had exhausted her lifetime limit. Thereafter, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On June 15, 2015, the Honorable Michael Antoniewicz, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On June 22, 2015, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ stated that the record indicated that Petitioner had received 108 months of WFNJ/TANF benefits, well beyond the maximum permissible. See Initial Decision at 2. Moreover, the ALJ concluded that the facts presented supported that Petitioner did not qualify for an exemption to, or an extension of, the sixty-cumulative month time limit because she met none of the eligibility criteria for an exemption or extension. *Id.* at 5-6. The ALJ thus affirmed the Agency's determination. *Id.* at 6-7.

Exceptions were received from Legal Services on behalf of Petitioner on June 24, 2015.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the record in the matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision and I concur with the ALJ's decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in the matter.

By way of comment, I have carefully reviewed Petitioner's exceptions, and find that they do not alter my decision in the matter.

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

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Director