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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 13414-14 J.W.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C085723 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 22, 2014, the Honorable Gail M. Cookson, Administrative Law Judge, held a plenary hearing, took testimony, admitted documents and issued an Initial Decision which reversed the Agency determination.

The Agency submitted exceptions on October 27, 2014.

As Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I independently reviewed the record and hereby ADOPT the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the Initial Decision, as though set forth here at length, and REVERSE the Agency determination.

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins Director