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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 11959-14 K.R.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C035599 (CAPE MAY COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's termination of Petitioner's Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits and imposition of a six-month period of ineligibility for EA. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits and imposed the six-month period of ineligibility because Petitioner had submitted a fraudulent lease to the Agency. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 30, 2014, the Honorable Bruce M. Gorman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On November 7, 2014, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination. The ALJ outlined the facts by which the Agency became aware that Petitioner had submitted a forged lease document to the Agency. See Initial Decision at 2. Petitioner admitted that she had forged the lease that she had submitted to the Agency. *Ibid.* Based upon the evidence presented, the ALJ concluded that the Agency's termination of Petitioner's EA benefits, and imposition of a six-month period of ineligibility, was appropriate. See *id.* at 3.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

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, I concur with the ALJ's decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in this matter.

Accordingly, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

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Director