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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 15298-15 L.D.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C192854 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of her Emergency Assistance ("EA") in the form of motel placement for failure to comply with her EA service plan. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 17, 2015, the Honorable Jesse H. Strauss, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On November 25, 2015, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision affirming the Agency determination.

In his Initial Decision, the ALJ found that Petitioner repeatedly allowed guests, overnight or otherwise, to stay in her motel room, despite receiving several prior warnings that this violated motel rules. See Initial Decision at 2-3; see also Exhibit R-1 at 1-9. On that basis, the ALJ concluded that Petitioner failed to substantially comply with her EA service plan, which required her to comply with motel rules and regulations. See Initial Decision at 4-5; see also Exhibit R-1 at 14. On that basis, the ALJ concluded that the Agency's termination of Petitioner's EA benefits in the form of motel placement was proper and should be affirmed. See Initial Decision at 6.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed the record in this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision and, having made an independent evaluation of the record, I concur with the Initial Decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter.

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

*Signed Copy on File*

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Director