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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 1064-15 L.H.

AGENCY DKT. NO. V446530 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits in the form of a furniture voucher. The Agency denied Petitioner EA benefits because he is neither a Work First New Jersey ("WFNJ") nor a Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") recipient, and is therefore ineligible for EA benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On February 24, 2015, the Honorable Richard McGill, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing and took testimony. No documents were admitted.

On February 25, 2015, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ found Petitioner was neither a WFNJ recipient nor an SSI recipient, and therefore not eligible for EA benefits. See Initial Decision at 2; see also N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1(a). Accordingly, the ALJ found that the Agency properly denied Petitioner's request for a furniture voucher. *Ibid.*

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the record in this 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 this matter.

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

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Director