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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 7927-14 N.H.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA347051 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of his Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits because he failed to comply with the terms of his EA service plan. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On August 13, 2014, the Honorable Tiffany M. Williams, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On August 27, 2014, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination.

No exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

As Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the record for this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision, and having made an independent evaluation of the record, I accept and adopt the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law as contained in the Initial Decision.

The purpose of EA is to meet the emergent needs of public assistance recipients, such as imminent homelessness, so that the recipient can participate in work activities without disruption and continue on a path to self-sufficiency. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1(a). In order to maintain eligibility for EA benefits, the recipient must take reasonable steps to resolve her emergent situation. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.6(a). Reasonable steps include, but are not limited to, the recipient participating in the creation of and complying with a service plan. *Ibid.* If a recipient fails to comply with the terms of his service plan, then the recipient's EA must be terminated for a period of six months. *Ibid.*

During the hearing the Petitioner acknowledged that he had not turned in his weekly job searches as required by his service plan. As such, the ALJ affirmed the termination of Petitioner's EA. Because Petitioner failed to comply with the terms of his service plan he is ineligible for EA for a period of six months. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.6(a).

Accordingly, the Agency action is AFFIRMED.

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