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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 2336-15 R.R.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA576993 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of her application for Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits application because she allegedly failed to submit documentation required by the Agency. On March 18, 2015, the Honorable Michael Antoniewicz, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On March 25, 2015, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision reversing the Agency's determination. The ALJ found that the evidence presented revealed that Petitioner timely submitted all of the documents that the Agency had required of her. See Initial Decision at 2-3. The ALJ concluded, and I concur, that provided Petitioner meets all other eligibility requirements, Petitioner should receive WFNJ/GA benefits. See Initial Decision at 3. The ALJ ordered that the Agency's determination denying Petitioner WFNJ/GA benefits be reversed.

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 ALJ's Initial Decision and following an independent review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's final conclusion in this matter and hereby ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in this matter, and REVERSE the Agency's determination.

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

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Natasha Johnson
Director