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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 13771-15 S.G.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C208020 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner EA benefits because he was neither a Work First New Jersey ("WFNJ") nor a Supplemental Security Income ("SSI"), recipient. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 15, 2015, the Honorable Evelyn J. Marose, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On September 16, 2015, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ found that Petitioner was not a WFNJ recipient nor an SSI recipient at the time he applied for EA benefits, and therefore, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.2, he was ineligible for EA benefits. See Initial Decision at 2. Accordingly, the ALJ found that the Agency properly denied Petitioner EA benefits. *Id.* at 3.

No Exceptions to this 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.

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

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Natasha Johnson

Director