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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 15764-14 S.J.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C462950 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner's request for EA benefits because she allegedly lives in an unaffordable apartment. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On January 15, 2015, the Honorable Richard McGill, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination.

No exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

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 having made an independent evaluation of the record, I ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

Petitioner may reapply for EA benefits, subject to applicable eligibility criteria in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is ADOPTED and the Agency determination is AFFIRMED.

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