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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 15365-15 T.C.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C200965 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of her Emergency Assistance ("EA") in the form of motel placement because she violated her service plan. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 4, 2015, the Honorable Kimberly A. Moss, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On November 4, 2015, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision affirming the Agency determination.

In her Initial Decision, the ALJ found that Petitioner signed an EA service plan on April 13, 2015. See Initial Decision at 2. By signing the service plan, Petitioner agreed to certain conditions, including that she must comply with all motel rules and regulations, and that she would pay thirty percent of her income towards the monthly rent. *Ibid.* The Agency issued written instructions to Petitioner dated May 15, 2015, advising that her monthly contribution to the rent in the sum of \$278.00 would begin on June 1, 2015. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1. However, Petitioner failed to pay her portion of the rent, claiming that she could not afford to because of transportation and food costs. See Initial Decision at 2. On September 21, 2015, the Agency terminated Petitioner's EA for failure to comply with her service plan because she failed to pay her share of the monthly rent. *Ibid.* Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that the Agency's termination of Petitioner's EA was appropriate and should be affirmed.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed the record in this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision and, having made an independent evaluation of the record, I concur with the Initial Decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter.

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

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Director