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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT, NO. HPW 13469-14 T.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA348833 (MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 12, 2014, the Honorable John Schuster III, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On November 24, 2014, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination and dismissed the appeal based upon a voluntary withdrawal made after the hearing. N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.2(a).

Neither party submitted exceptions.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I independently reviewed the record and hereby ADOPT the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the Initial Decision, as though set forth herein at length, and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins Director