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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 6414-15 T.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C037300 (SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's sanctioning of her Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits and eventual termination of those benefits. The Agency sanctioned Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF benefits due to her failure to comply with her Individual Responsibility Plan ("IRP"), and terminated her benefits for voluntarily quitting her employment. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On June 1, 2015, the Honorable Bruce M. Gorman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On June 9, 2015, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. Petitioner agreed in her IRP to attend a Work Activity at One Stop Center for 16 hours per week. See Initial Decision at 2 and Exhibit R-2 at 10. On April 9, 2015, the Agency received documentation from the work activity that Petitioner never appeared at her activity and Petitioner was therefore sanctioned. Ibid. Subsequently, on April 16, 2015, Petitioner informed the Agency she was no longer working at her part-time employment. Ibid. The employer confirmed that Petitioner was discharged for failing to attend work. Ibid.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed by either party.

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 I concur with the ALJ's Initial Decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in this matter.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision in this matter is ADOPTED and the Agency's determination to sanction, and thereafter terminate, Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF benefits is hereby AFFIRMED.

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