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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 13574-14 T.T.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA472051 (MORRIS CO. OFFICE OF TEMP ASSISTANCE)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's suspension of his Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits and the termination of his Emergency Assistance ("EA") and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits for failing to comply with his service plan, and terminated his SNAP benefits, and suspended his WFNJ/GA benefits, for failing to provide documentation requested by the Agency. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 6, 2014, the Honorable Joan Bedrin Murray, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On December 1, 2014, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision affirming the Agency's actions.

No exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

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

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

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins
Director