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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 15206-15 W.C.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA404651 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") and Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/GA and EA benefits contending that she failed to provide it with sufficient information with which to determine WFNJ/GA and EA eligibility. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 9, 2015, the Honorable Mumtaz Bari-Brown, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing and took testimony. No documents were submitted into evidence.

On October 27, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ found that Petitioner failed to provide sufficient information regarding her means of support to the Agency, which was necessary for it to determine her WFNJ/GA and EA eligibility. See Initial Decision at 3. Accordingly, the ALJ found that the Agency properly denied Petitioner WFNJ/GA and EA benefits. *Ibid.*

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 ALJ's Initial Decision, and following an independent review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's final conclusion in this matter and hereby ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in this matter.

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

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Natasha Johnson
Director