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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 403-16 V.G.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA600052 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner EA benefits contending that she failed to provide the Agency with requested documents in a timely manner, and she failed to establish an emergency. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On January 15, 2016, the Honorable Leland S. McGee, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On January 19, 2016, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination. The ALJ found that Petitioner provided the Agency with most of its requested documents, in a timely manner, and had good cause for those documents provided untimely; and that she provided proof of her pending eviction. See Initial Decision at 4-5. Accordingly, the ALJ found that the Agency improperly denied Petitioner EA benefits. *Id.* at 5.

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 REVERSED.

*Signed Copy on File*  
at DFD, BARA

**JAN 29 2016**

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Natasha Johnson  
Director