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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 9722-14 A.C.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C239178 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On August 8, 2014, the Honorable Richard McGill, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents. On August 11, 2014, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

As Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I independently reviewed the record and hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

The Petitioner receives Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF").

The Agency denied an extension of EA and imposed a six-month penalty after Petitioner was separated from her job because she allegedly falsified time records, and ultimately disqualified for unemployment insurance benefits.

"[EA] shall not be provided to a WFNJ applicant when an actual or imminent state of homelessness exists as a direct result of the voluntary cessation of employment by the adult household member without good cause." N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1(c)(3). A voluntary cessation of employment includes separation from employment due to an action or inaction in violation of the employer's written rules or policies or lawful job-related instructions. N.J.A.C. 10:90-4.14(b).

For the foregoing reasons, I ADOPT the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

AUG 19 2014

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