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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 8768-14 I.T.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA41967 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's determination that his Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits properly commenced on June 1, 2014. Petitioner contends that his benefits should have commenced on March 11, 2014, the date upon which he completed his 28 day work activity requirement as required by N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.2(a)2.

Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On August 7, 2014, the Honorable Richard McGill, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing and took testimony. The record was closed on August 7, 2014. On August 12, 2014, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision reversing the Agency determination.

No exceptions were filed to the Initial Decision.

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

N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.2(f)8 provides that a WFNJ/GA applicant's eligibility for benefits shall commence after the completion of the 28 day work requirement. Here, the Agency agreed at the hearing that the Petitioner was eligible to receive WFNJ/GA benefits as of March 11, 2014, the date that he completed his work activity. Consequently, the ALJ ordered that the Agency find Petitioner eligible for WFNJ/GA benefits effective March 11, 2014, and pay Petitioner retroactive WFNJ/GA benefits from March 11, 2014 through June 1, 2014.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision in the action is hereby ADOPTED and the Agency action is REVERSED.

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Director