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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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REMAND DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 13425-14 J.W.

AGENCY DKT. NO. V968305 (MORRIS CO. OFFICE OF TEMP ASSISTANCE)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") based upon non-compliance with the Service Plan ("SP"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 28, 2014, the Honorable Gail M. Cookson, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and issued an Initial Decision which reversed the Agency determination.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

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

Petitioner receives Supplemental Security Income and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits.

The Agency terminated EA and contends Petitioner violated her SP that required a transition to more affordable housing. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.6(a); -6.1(c)(3)(vi). The ALJ found Petitioner complied with her SP; by implication directed the rescission of any penalty; and, ordered the grant of EA in the form of a hotel placement pending the Agency's evaluation of an EA application by Petitioner's mother.

I substantially agree with the Initial Decision, but remand the matter to the Agency in the absence of more specific findings regarding the most appropriate form of EA for Petitioner and the status of her mother's application for EA. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.3(a)(1).

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For the foregoing reasons, I ADOPT the Initial Decision, REVERSE the Agency determination, and REMAND the matter to the Agency.

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