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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 10372-14 S.T.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C629551 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of her application for Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner's application for EA benefits because she was no longer a Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") recipient and was therefore not eligible for EA. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law as an emergent matter. On August 29, 2014, the Honorable Michael Antoniewicz, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On August 29, 2014, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision affirming the Agency determination.

No exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed 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 the Conclusions of Law as contained in the Initial Decision.

Only WFNJ and Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") recipients are eligible for emergency assistance. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.2(a). The ALJ found that the Petitioner is not a WFNJ recipient. Moreover, there is nothing on the record which indicates that Petitioner is a SSI recipient. Because Petitioner is neither a WFNJ or SSI recipient, the ALJ concluded, and I agree, that the Petitioner is not eligible for EA.

By way of comment, the Agency should refer the Petitioner to any agencies or organizations that may be able to assist her with her current needs.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is ADOPTED and the Agency action is AFFIRMED.

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