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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 11262-14 T.F.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C030015 (WARREN CO. DIV TEMP ASST & SOC. SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of her Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits at the time of recertification. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF benefits due to excess income which exceeded the maximum benefit level for her household. Because the Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 29, 2014, the Honorable Leslie Z. Celentano, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On November 6, 2014, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's termination of WFNJ/TANF benefits. The ALJ found that the evidence presented by the Agency clearly established that Petitioner's unearned income during the period in question exceeded the maximum benefit level for the household. See Initial Decision at 3-4; see also N.J.A.C. 10:90-3.3(b).

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

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 concur with the ALJ's decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made in this matter.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision in this matter is ADOPTED and the Agency's action is hereby AFFIRMED.

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