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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 11671-14 Y.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C237168 (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 September 22, 2014, the Honorable Kimberly A. Moss, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, admitted documents and 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.

EA shall not be provided where "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). Likewise, EA shall not be provided for a period of six months when the behavior of an adult EA applicant or recipient has directly caused his or her own homelessness, without good cause. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1(c)(3)(vi).

There is sufficient credible evidence Petitioner was terminated from her job because she had difficulty getting to work on time, including two letters from her former employer. The ALJ found Petitioner had adequate means of public transportation to

commute to work, and did not establish good cause for her failure to consistently do so. N.J.A.C. 10:90-4.11.

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

OCT 21 2014

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