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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 05188-18 K.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C184412020 (UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of his Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On May 4, 2018, a plenary hearing was scheduled before the Honorable Thomas R. Betancourt, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ").

Petitioner appeared for the hearing on that date. See Initial Decision at 2. After a brief discussion of the matter off the record, Petitioner walked out of the hearing and did not return. Ibid. As a result, the ALJ found that Petitioner had abandoned the hearing, and dismissed the appeal. Ibid.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed the record and the ALJ's Initial Decision and hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision in this matter.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED. As Petitioner abandoned his appeal, the Agency's action stands, and is thereby AFFIRMED.

Officially approved final version.

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Natasha Johnson  
Director

