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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 02110-19 G.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C017746014 (MORRIS CO. OFFICE OF TEMP ASSISTANCE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits, contending that she failed to comply with her EA service plan ("SP") by failing to conduct weekly housing searches, by failing to accept alternate housing placement, and for violating shelter rules. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On February 14, 2019, the Honorable Andrew M. Baron, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On February 19, 2019, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination. At the hearing, and on the record, the parties agreed to the terms for a settlement of the matter. Specifically, Petitioner agreed to move to an alternate housing location, as provided by the Agency. See Initial Decision 3; see also Exhibit R-1 at 22-24, and N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.3(a)(1). Based on the record presented, I hereby affirm the parties' settlement terms, as set forth in the Initial Decision.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the ALJ's Initial Decision, and following an independent review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's final conclusion in this matter and hereby ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED, and the Agency's determination is REVERSED.

Officially approved final version.

FEB 25 2019

Natasha Johnson
Director

