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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 01441-21 D.D.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C183739013 (MONMOUTH COUNTY DIV. OF SOC. SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits and the termination of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/GA benefits, and terminated SNAP benefits, due to resources above the eligibility levels. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On March 16, 2021, the Honorable Sarah G. Crowley, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On March 30, 2021, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As Assistant Commissioner, 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 hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

The purpose of the WFNJ Program is to assist needy individuals by providing them with transitional support that enables them to become self-sufficient and avoid the need for public assistance in the future. See N.J.S.A. 44:10-56. GA is a component of WFNJ that provides assistance to adults without dependent children. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.1(b). In evaluating an individual's eligibility for WFNJ/GA benefits, all countable income and resources, unless exempt, must be considered. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-3.1(a), -3.9(a), -3.10(a), -3.19 and -3.20. Resources include bank accounts, cash, and contributions of support that are available to meet the needs of the individual. N.J.A.C. 10:90-3.10(b).

Here, the record reflects that Petitioner applied for WFNJ/GA and SNAP benefits on October 22, 2020. See Exhibit R-1 at 1. The record further reveals that Petitioner lives in a condominium that was purchased for her by her parents, and that her parents pay a number of her expenses. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1 at 2. On November 18, 2020, the Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/GA benefits because her parents supported her, and her needs were being met. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1 at 5. Additionally, the Agency had initially expedited Petitioner's SNAP benefits pending verifications, but then terminated same on November 18, 2020, as her parents were paying



for her food and she was not resource eligible. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1 at 1, 9. Following a review of the evidence presented in this matter, the ALJ agreed that resources provided to Petitioner by Petitioner's parents exceeded eligibility requirements for WFNJ/GA, and were in excess of the limit for SNAP benefits. See Initial Decision at 3. As such, the ALJ concluded that the Agency's denial of WNFJ/GA benefits, and termination of SNAP benefits was proper and must stand. See Initial Decision at 3-4. I agree.

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

Officially approved final version.

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