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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 10365-20 Y.G.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C218995020 (UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner WFNJGA benefits, contending that he failed to provide required documentation. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On January 8, 2021, the Honorable JoAnn LaSala Candido, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On January 8, 2021 The ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. Here, as a condition of WFNJ/GA eligibility, Petitioner was required to apply for Unemployment Insurance Benefits ("UIB") and to provide the Agency with proof that he had been found ineligible for UIB. See Initial Decision at 2. The ALJ found that Petitioner had failed to provide the Agency with proof that he had applied, and been found ineligible for, UIB, and therefore, concluded that the Agency's denial of WFNJ/GA benefits to Petitioner was proper and must stand. *Ibid.*; see also N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.6(a). I agree.

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 concur with the ALJ's final conclusion in this matter and hereby ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law.

By way of comment, Petitioner is advised that he may reapply for WFNJ/GA benefits. Petitioner is further advised that in order for him to be considered for WFNJ/GA benefits eligibility, he must provide the Agency with proof that he has been determined ineligible for UIB. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.12, -2.2(a)(3).

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



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