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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **08235-23 L.W.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **S637301012 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA"), and Emergency Assistance ("EA"), benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits, contending that he failed to provide required documentation, and terminated Petitioner's EA benefits because he was not a WFNJ or Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") benefits recipient. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 1, 2023, the Honorable Jeffrey N. Rabin, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On September 5, 2023, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. Here, the ALJ found that the Agency had properly noticed Petitioner regarding the specific documentation required to be provided to the Agency in order for it to determine his continued eligibility for WFNJ/GA benefits. See Initial Decision at 3; see also Exhibit R-1 at 4-6, and N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.2(a)(5). The ALJ also found that Petitioner had failed to provide all the required documentation, specifically the required "Ten Day Letter" verifying his employment and pay amount. See Initial Decision at 3; see also Exhibit R-1 at 4-6. Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that that Agency's termination of Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits was proper and must stand. See Initial Decision at 3-5; see also Exhibit R-1 at 7-9. I agree.

Additionally, the ALJ found that Petitioner was ineligible for EA benefits because he was not a WFNJ or SSI benefits recipient, and accordingly, affirmed the Agency's termination of Petitioner's EA benefits. See Initial Decision at 4-5; see also Exhibit R-1 at 12-14, and N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.2(a). I also 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 and EA benefits, and that he must provide the Agency with all documentation required to determine is eligibility for said benefits. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.2(a).

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

Officially approved final version. September 14, 2023

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

