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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 17890-15 A.G.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA543944 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of her application for Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") cash benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/GA benefits because it determined that she failed to provide the necessary documentation to determine her WFNJ/GA eligibility. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On December 17, 2015, the Honorable Kimberly A. Moss, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On December 18, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. The record shows that Petitioner applied for WFNJ/GA cash benefits, and was required to submit a valid MED-1 form within 30 days from the date of her application, to determine her eligibility. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibits P-2 at 3 and R-1. The ALJ found that Petitioner failed to timely provide the Agency with the requested documentation, without good cause. See Initial Decision at 3; see also N.J.A.C. 10:90-4.10(b)(2)(i). Accordingly, the ALJ concluded, and I agree, that the Agency properly denied Petitioner WFNJ/GA cash benefits. Ibid.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

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 in this matter.

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

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