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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 14503-17 T.K.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C709202007 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") and Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/TANF and EA benefits contending that she had excess/sufficient income, and the ability to avoid the emergent situation. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 26, 2017, the Honorable Mumtaz Bari-Brown, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On December 6, 2017, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. Here, based on the evidence presented, as well as the fact that Petitioner had not presented documentation of an actual or imminent eviction, the ALJ concluded that the Agency's denial of WFNJ/TANF and EA benefits to Petitioner was proper and must stand. See Initial Decision at 2-4; see also Exhibits P-1 through P-6, R-1, R-2, and N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.2(a)(4), -3.9(a), (b), -6.1(c). I agree.

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 AFFIRMED.

Officially approved final version.

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