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The following Decision is distributed for your information. This Decision has been made in consideration of the specific facts of this case. This Decision is not to be interpreted as establishing any new mandatory policy or procedure otherwise officially promulgated.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 358-15 A.A.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C078667 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of her application for Emergency Assistance ("EA") in the form of Temporary Rental Assistance ("TRA") under the Housing Assistance Program ("HAP") pilot program, N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.10. The Agency denied Petitioner's application based upon its assertions that Petitioner did not meet the eligibility criteria. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On March 17, 2015, the Honorable Leland S. McGee, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On March 31, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ noted that Petitioner received thirty-five (35) months of EA. See Initial Decision at 4; see Exhibit R-6. While Petitioner offered into evidence the WFNJ Notice of Deferral and Certification form in support of her position that she is eligible for an extension of EA benefits under HAP, the ALJ noted that the Med-1 was not for at least one year, which is required under HAP. See Initial Decision at 4; see Exhibit P-1. The ALJ therefore concluded that the Agency had properly denied Petitioner's application for an EA extension because Petitioner did not establish that she met any of the eligibility requirements under HAP. See Initial Decision at 5. The ALJ therefore ordered that the Agency's action to deny Petitioner an EA extension under HAP be affirmed. See *id.* at 6.

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 decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in this matter.

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

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at DFD, BARA

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Natasha Johnson  
Director