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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 10823-14 A.T.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA362631 (UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 3, 2014, the Honorable Mumtaz Bari-Brown, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, admitted documents and issued an Initial Decision which reversed the Agency determination.

The Agency submitted exceptions on September 16, 2014. Petitioner submitted exceptions on September 19, 2014.

As Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I independently reviewed the record and hereby REVERSE the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

Petitioner receives Work First New Jersey/General Assistance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits.

The Agency in relevant part appropriately denied an extension of EA under the Housing Assistance Program ("HAP") pilot because Petitioner did not have a Med-1 form substantiating 12 months of disability. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.10(a)(1). The ALJ inappropriately considered an after-acquired Med-1 form and incorrectly found it constituted substantial compliance with applicable eligibility criteria. Petitioner may re-apply for an extension of EA under the HAP pilot.

For the foregoing reasons, I REVERSE the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins
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