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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 6288-15 C.R.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C140087 (UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's termination of her Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits and the termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF benefits because she had exhausted her 60-month cumulative lifetime limit. Petitioner's EA benefits were then subsequently terminated because Petitioner was no longer a WFNJ benefits recipient. Thereafter, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On May 29, 2015, the Honorable Leland S. McGee, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On July 1, 2015, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. Petitioner conceded in her testimony that she had exceeded her 60-month cumulative lifetime benefit limit for WFNJ/TANF benefits. See Initial Decision at 5. Moreover, the ALJ found that Petitioner was not qualified for an exemption to the lifetime limit. *Ibid.* Therefore, the ALJ ordered that the Agency's action in terminating Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF and EA benefits was appropriate and ordered the Agency's determinations be affirmed. *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 record in this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision and 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 actions are hereby AFFIRMED.

JUL 15 2016

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