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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 9705-14 C.T.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C497981 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

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 August 5, 2014, the Honorable James A. Geraghty, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents. On August 6, 2014, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which in effect dismissed the appeal based upon the lack of jurisdiction.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

As Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the record for this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision, and having made an independent evaluation of the record, I accept and adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law that are contained in the Initial Decision.

For the foregoing reasons, I ADOPT the Initial Decision and DISMISS the Petitioner's appeal.

**AUG 26 2014**

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at DFD, BARA

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins  
Director