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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

REMAND DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 12915-14 E.A.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S534298 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. 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 November 19, 2014, the Honorable Imre Karaszegi, Jr., Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, admitted documents and issued an Initial Decision which reversed the Agency determination and remanded the matter to the Agency.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I independently reviewed the record and hereby ADOPT the findings of fact and conclusions of law in Initial Decision, as though set forth herein at length, and REVERSE the Agency determination.

By way of comment, it appears the matter may involve a Service Plan ("SP") issue, although the record does not include copies of the SP, an adverse determination letter, or other relevant file materials. Petitioner is imminently homeless, and I note the apparent need for interpreter services. The Agency should rescind any penalty imposed in connection with this matter pending further evaluation of Petitioner's EA application.

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at DFD, BARA

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins  
Director