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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 6147-15 F.D.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA469799 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

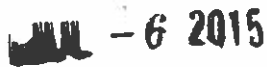
Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's changing his monthly Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits during the month of February 2015, on the basis that the Agency did not provide him proper notice prior to its action. On June 18, 2015, the Honorable Laura Sanders, Acting Director and Chief Administrative Law Judge ("CALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On June 18, 2015, the CALJ issued her Initial Decision finding that the Agency did not provide proper notice as asserted by Petitioner. See Initial Decision at 4. The CALJ calculated that on bases of Petitioner's application date and the establishment of his disability, given the lack of proper notice by the Agency, Petitioner is eligible to receive the three days of benefits he did not receive in February 2015. The CALJ ordered that the Agency release the amount of fourteen (\$14.00) dollars to Petitioner for the said three days. Id.

No Exceptions to this Initial Decision were filed.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the CALJ's Initial Decision and following an independent review of the record, I concur with the CALJ's decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in this matter.

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

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Director