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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 13720-15 G.J.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C666195 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of her application for Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner's EA application on the grounds that Petitioner failed to provide the Agency with requested information. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 10, 2015, the Honorable Kimberly A. Moss, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On September 11, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ noted Petitioner had previously applied for, and was denied, Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") and EA benefits in April 2015, prior to her current application on August 21, 2015. See Initial Decision at 2. The Agency requested that Petitioner provide a letter from her employer in North Carolina and a letter from the North Carolina office of unemployment showing her eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits. *Ibid.*

Petitioner claims she was self-employed in North Carolina and has not provided the requested information. *Ibid.* In addition, Petitioner was not receiving WFNJ/TANF benefits at the time of her application, nor is she receiving benefits currently. *Id.* at 3. Therefore, the ALJ found, in addition to her failure to provide the Agency with requested documents, that Petitioner is not a WFNJ/TANF recipient and therefore not eligible for EA benefits. I agree.

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 ALJ's Initial Decision and following an independent review of the record, 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 hereby ADOPTED and the Agency's action in this matter is AFFIRMED.

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