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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 2653-15 H.C.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C322609 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA") in the form of a shelter placement because she caused her own homelessness. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On February 26, 2015, the Honorable Leland S. McGee, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held an emergent hearing, took testimony, admitted documents into evidence, and issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination.

No exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As the Deputy 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 having made an independent evaluation of the record, I ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

Petitioner concedes she was evicted from subsidized housing because of her disorderly conduct. Initial Decision at 2-3; Exhibit R-3. Because Petitioner caused her own homelessness, I agree with the ALJ that the Agency appropriately denied EA benefits. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1(c)(3). As a result, Petitioner is not eligible for EA benefits for a period of six months, after which she may reapply subject to applicable eligibility criteria.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is ADOPTED and the Agency determination is AFFIRMED.

**MAR 11 2015**

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