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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 13914-14 L.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA361363 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's termination of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") and Emergency Assistance ("EA"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 5, 2014, the Honorable Leland S. McGee, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents. On November 6, 2014, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which reversed the Agency determination.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I independently reviewed the record and hereby REVERSE the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

Petitioner receives WFNJ/GA and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits.

Petitioner is the primary source of eligibility information and is responsible to provide all documentation required to establish eligibility for assistance. N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.6(a); -2.2(a)(5).

Any WFNJ applicant/recipient who fails at any time to cooperate with any of the WFNJ program eligibility requirements without good cause shall render some or all assistance unit members ineligible for WFNJ benefits. N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.2(d).

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The Agency terminated WFNJ/GA, and contends Petitioner failed to timely submit requested pay-stubs in connection with a new job. Petitioner contends he submitted the pay-stubs, albeit almost two months late. The ALJ found the Agency should have requested the pay-stubs from Petitioner's employer, improperly shifting the burden of production from Petitioner to the Agency.

Because Petitioner was no longer eligible for WFNJ/GA, the Agency appropriately terminated EA. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.2.

For the foregoing reasons, I REVERSE the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

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at DFD, BARA

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Director