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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 5126-15 L.S.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C095831 (PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's termination of her paramour's Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF) benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On May 1, 2015, the Honorable Irene Jones, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On May 4, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, which dismissed Petitioner's action. Here, the ALJ found, Petitioner was not a party to the WFNJ/TANF grant that was terminated by the Agency, and therefore, she had no standing to appeal the instant termination. See Initial Decision at 2. Further, the record indicates that Petitioner has received more than her 60-month lifetime limit of WFNJ/TANF benefits, and is currently ineligible for continued WFNJ/TANF benefits. Ibid. However, the Agency and ALJ agreed that Petitioner may reapply for an exemption from, or an extension to, the 60-month lifetime limit of WFNJ/TANF benefits, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.4 and -2.5. Ibid. Further, the ALJ opined, that if Petitioner is found ineligible for and exemption from, or extension to, the 60-month lifetime limit of WFNJ/TANF benefits, she may request a fair hearing at that time. Ibid.

No exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

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 is ADOPTED.

**MAY 12 2015**

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