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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 14854-15 S.S.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA174531 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/GA benefits contending that he failed to provide it with the requested information needed to determine WFNJ/GA eligibility. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 2, 2015, the Honorable Thomas R. Betancourt, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On November 13, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ found that Petitioner failed to provide the Agency with all the required documents requested, and had not provided same at the time of the hearing. See Initial Decision at 3-4. Accordingly, the ALJ found that the Agency properly denied Petitioner WFNJ/GA benefits. Id. at 5.

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 final conclusion in this matter 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 AFFIRMED.

**DEC 14 2015**

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Natasha Johnson  
Director