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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 2462-15 V.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA193622 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits because she allegedly failed to timely submit adequate documentation of her employment status. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On March 17, 2015, the Honorable Barry E. Moscowitz, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On March 19, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which reversed the Agency determination.

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 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 REVERSE the Agency determination.

I agree with the ALJ's finding that Petitioner timely submitted adequate documentation of her employment status. Initial Decision at 2-4. Petitioner is eligible for WFNJ/GA benefits from the date she completed her 28-day WFNJ work requirement through the Department of Labor and Workforce Development ("LWD"), see N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.2(f)(8), and SNAP benefits from the date of her application.

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

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Director