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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 13035-14 V.E.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C183422 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's imposition of a penalty affecting Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") and its denial of Emergency Assistance (EA). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 17, 2014, the Honorable Leland S. McGee, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, admitted documents and issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

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

Petitioner lost her job as a substitute teacher when she failed to renew her professional license after it expired. Petitioner was denied unemployment insurance benefits because her separation was determined to be a voluntary quit. Petitioner lost her apartment lease as a direct result of her job loss. N.J.A.C. 10:90-4.14(b).

"An adult recipient who voluntarily quits a job, without good cause, shall render the entire assistance unit ineligible for WFNJ cash assistance benefits for a period of two months from the date [the Agency] makes the determination that the recipient quit the job." N.J.A.C. 10:90-4.14(a).

EA shall not be provided for a period of 6 months where the recipient adult member voluntarily quits employment or where the applicant has caused his or her homelessness, without good cause. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1(c)(3).

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

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