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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 4891-15 Z.H.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA587826 (BERGEN COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of retroactive Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") cash benefits to the date of his application. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On May 12, 2015, the Honorable Evelyn J. Marose, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On May 13, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination that Petitioner was not entitled to retroactive benefits.

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 hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision in this matter and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.2(f)(8), eligibility for WFNJ/GA commences only after completion of the 28-day work activity. It is undisputed in this matter that Petitioner completed his 28-day work activity on February 18, 2015. See Initial Decision at 2. Therefore, Petitioner is only entitled to benefits retroactive to February 8, 2015, and not January 16, 2015, the date of his application.

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

*Signed Copy on File*  
at DFD, BARA

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Director