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The following Decision is distributed for your information. This Decision has been made in consideration of the specific facts of this case. This Decision is not to be interpreted as establishing any new mandatory policy or procedure otherwise officially promulgated.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 7867-14 Z.W.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA510217 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On July 17, 2014, the Honorable James A. Geraghty, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents. On July 30, 2014, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

As the 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.

The purpose of EA is to meet the emergent needs of public assistance recipients, such as imminent homelessness, so that the recipient can participate in work activities without disruption and continue on a path to self-sufficiency. N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1(a). In order to be eligible for EA benefits, N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1(c) provides, in relevant part, that the individual must have an "actual or imminent eviction from prior housing, and the assistance unit is in a state of homelessness or imminent homelessness due to circumstances beyond their control or the absence of a realistic capacity to plan in advance for substitute housing."

Petitioner receives Work First New Jersey/General Assistance, Medicaid, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, f/k/a the food Stamp Program, benefits. There is sufficient credible evidence she is neither homeless nor imminently homeless. N.J.A.C. 10:90--6.1(c); -6.3(a)(1)(ii).

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

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at DFD, BARA

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins  
Director