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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 05542-18 A.W.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C268644009 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits, and the denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF and SNAP benefits, and denied Petitioner EA benefits, contending that he failed to provide requested documentation. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On April 19, 2018, the Honorable Andrew M. Baron, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On April 19, 2018, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed the ALJ's Initial Decision and the record, and I hereby ADOPT the ALJ's Initial Decision, and REVERSE the Agency's determination.

Here, the ALJ found that Petitioner has provided the Agency with the documentation required to establish his eligibility for WFNJ/TANF, SNAP, and EA benefits. See Initial Decision at 2-3; see also Exhibits R-4, R-5. Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that Petitioner is eligible for said benefits, and as such, reversed the Agency's termination of WFNJ/TANF and SNAP benefits, and the denial of EA benefits. See Initial Decision at 3-4; see also Exhibit R-9, N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.2(a)(5), -6.1(c). I agree.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED, and the Agency's action is REVERSED.

Officially approved final version.

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Natasha Johnson
Director

