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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 05465-18 A.K.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S796786009 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/GA benefits, contending that Petitioner had failed to provide information concerning his employment status. On May 15, 2018, the Honorable Mumtaz Bari-Brown, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On June 14, 2018, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. Here, the record reflects that Petitioner received WFNJ/GA benefits for the period beginning October 2016, through May 2018. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1 at 1. In February 2018, the Agency became aware that Petitioner had earned wages by way of an employment staffing agency. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1 at 5. On March 5, 2018, the Agency requested Petitioner to provide a letter from the staffing agency indicating that he was not an employee. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-2. Petitioner was further advised to provide the requested information by March 19, 2018. See Exhibit R-2. The record further indicates that Petitioner never provided the requested information. See Initial Decision at 2. Accordingly, the Agency denied Petitioner's application for WFNJ/GA benefits, effective March 5, 2018, for failing to provide the requested letter from the staffing agency indicating that Petitioner was not an employee. See Exhibit P-1. Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that the Agency's decision to deny Petitioner WFNJ/GA benefits was proper and must stand. See Initial Decision at 3; see also Exhibit P-1, and N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.6, -2.2(a)(5). I agree.

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 ALJ's Initial Decision, and following an independent review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's final conclusion in this matter and hereby ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law.

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

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Natasha Johnson
Director



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