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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 16272-17 C.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S518235012 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") and Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits because her income exceeded the eligibility requirements for such benefits, and terminated her EA benefits because she was no longer a WFNJ benefits recipient. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On December 19, 2017, the Honorable Jeffrey N. Rabin, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On December 22, 2017, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. Here, Petitioner's assistance unit of one, previously received \$210 in monthly WFNJ/GA benefits as of October 3, 2017. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-3. Thereafter, the Agency determined that Petitioner was no longer eligible for WFNJ/GA benefits because, on October 16, 2017, she was approved for Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance ("RSDI") in the amount of \$734 per month. See Initial Decision at 3; see also Exhibit R-5 and N.J.A.C. 10:90-3.1(c), -3.5(b). Based on the foregoing, the ALJ found that Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits were properly terminated. See Initial Decision at 4. In addition, the ALJ found that the Agency had properly terminated Petitioner's EA benefits on the basis that she was no longer a WFNJ benefits recipient, nor was she a Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") benefits recipient. Id. at 3-4; see also Exhibit R-6, and N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.2(a). 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 in this matter.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision in this matter is hereby ADOPTED, and the Agency's action is hereby AFFIRMED.

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Natasha Johnson
Director



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