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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 06833-18 K.J.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S921294009 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") and Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/GA benefits contending that he failed to comply with the mandatory WFNJ 28-day work activity. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On May 31, 2018, the Honorable Kimberly A. Moss, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On May 31, 2018, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming 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 AFFIRM the Agency's determination.

Eligibility for WFNJ/GA cash assistance benefits shall commence after the applicant has completed a minimum of 28 days in an employment-related activity through the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.2(f)(8). An applicant's failure to comply with the employment-related activity requirement, without good cause, shall result in a denial of the applicant's WFNJ application and a 30-day period of ineligibility. Ibid.

Only WFNJ cash assistance recipients and Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") recipients are eligible for EA benefits. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.2(a).

Here, the record reflects that Petitioner failed to report for the start of his required WFNJ 28-day work activity on April 9, 2018, or on April 10, 2018, as scheduled. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1. Further, the record does not indicate that Petitioner provided any good cause reason for his failure to comply. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-4.11. Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that Petitioner is ineligible for WFNJ/GA benefits and that the Agency's denial of said benefits to Petitioner was proper and must stand. See Initial Decision at 3; see also Exhibit P-1, and N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.2(f)(8). I agree.



Additionally, I find that because Petitioner is not a WFNJ, nor an SSI, benefits recipient, that he is ineligible for EA benefits. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.2(a).

By way of comment, Petitioner is without prejudice to reapply for WFNJ/GA and EA benefits.

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

Officially approved final version.

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Natasha Johnson

Director

