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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 16675-18 P.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C516600002 (BERGEN COUNTY BD. OF SOC. 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 he failed to provide documentation required to determine eligibility. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. A hearing was initially scheduled for December 11, 2018, but was adjourned at the request of Petitioner, because he lacked transportation. On January 24, 2019, the Honorable Evelyn J. Marose, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. The record was held open to allow Petitioner to provide additional documentation. No such documentation was forthcoming, and the record then closed on February 1, 2019. On February 7, 2019, 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 ("DFD"), 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.

Here, the ALJ found that Petitioner failed to provide the Agency with requested documentation needed to determine his eligibility for WFNJ/GA benefits, and as such, concluded that the Agency's denial of WFNJ/GA benefits to Petitioner was proper. See Initial Decision at 2-4; see also Exhibits R-1, R-6, and N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.2(a)(5). I agree. Moreover, the ALJ found that Petitioner is now employed, with a monthly income of \$2,478.22, which is over the initial allowable maximum income level for WFNJ/GA benefits eligibility, and on that basis, I further find that Petitioner is ineligible for WFNJ/GA benefits. See Initial Decision at 3; see also Exhibits R-9 through R-14, and N.J.A.C. 10:90-3.5(a).

By way of comment, although not a transmitted issue, the ALJ also found that Petitioner failed to provide the Agency with the requested documentation required to determine his eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits, and as such, concluded that the Agency's denial of SNAP benefits to Petitioner was proper. See Initial Decision at 4; see also Exhibit R-5, and N.J.A.C.



10:87-2.14. I also agree, and note that, based on the ALJ's finding that Petitioner's monthly income is \$2,478.22, Petitioner is also ineligible for SNAP benefits, as he is over income for same. See Initial Decision at 3; see also Exhibits R-9 through R-14, and DFD Instruction ("DFDI") 17-09-02 at 13.

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

Officially approved final version.

Natasha Johnson
Director

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