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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 1263-15 H.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C626503 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of his Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits on recertification. The Agency terminated Petitioner's recertification for WFNJ/GA benefits based upon a failure to provide the Agency with requested documentation. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On February 23, 2015, the Honorable Tiffany M. Williams, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing and took testimony.

On March 30, 2015, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. During the hearing, Petitioner himself acknowledged that he had failed to provide the Agency with the requested documentation. See Initial Decision at 2. Therefore, as the facts were not in dispute, the ALJ affirmed the Agency's termination of Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits. See Initial Decision at 2.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the ALJ's Initial Decision, and having made an independent review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter.

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

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