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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 3906-15 J.R.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA579919 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

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 because he failed to provide the Agency with documents it had requested. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On May 14, 2015, the Honorable Kimberly A. Moss, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On May 15, 2015, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination. Here, the Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/GA benefits because he failed to provide them with documentation it had requested, specifically, information showing when he moved from Massachusetts to New Jersey. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibits R-1 and R-2. The ALJ found that Petitioner provided all the documents requested by the Agency, but could not provide them with documentation showing when he moved from Massachusetts to New Jersey because he moved from Massachusetts to Puerto Rico, not New Jersey. *Id.* at 2-3. Accordingly, the ALJ reversed the Agency's denial of WFNJ/GA benefits. *Id.* at 3.

No Exceptions to this 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 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 determination is REVERSED.

JUN 10 2015

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