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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 4427-15 M.X.

AGENCY DKT. NO. V275796 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits because her income exceeds her housing costs. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On May 5, 2015, the Honorable Jesse H. Strauss, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing and took testimony. No documents were admitted into evidence.

On May 5, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ found that Petitioner's income exceeds her housing costs, and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.1(a)(1), she is not eligible for EA benefits. See Initial Decision at 2-3.

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.

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

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Natasha Johnson Director