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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

OF FLORIDA

THIRD DISTRICT

JULY TERM, A.D. 2001

LILIA R. CORTEZ, \*

Appellant, \*\*

vs. \*\* CASE NO. 3D01-377

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF \*\* LOWER

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, TRIBUNAL NO. 00F-4060

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Appellee.

Opinion filed November 7, 2001.

An Appeal from the State of Florida Department of Children and Families.

Lilia R. Cortez, in proper person.

Sandra A. Piligian, Assistant District Legal Counsel, for appellee.

Before GODERICH, SHEVIN and RAMIREZ, JJ.

PER CURIAM.

We affirm the final order approving the department's denial of benefits for appellant's daughter. The order is supported by competent substantial evidence. Doyle v. Florida Dept. of Labor

<u>& Empl. Sec.</u>, 635 So. 2d 1028 (Fla. 2d DCA 1994). Appellant's daughter does not fall within the definition of "minor child" in section 414.0252(8), Florida Statutes (2000). Accordingly, the denial of benefits was proper.