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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 11288-14 G.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C033534 (CAPE MAY COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits based upon the failure to provide the requested information. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 30, 2014, the Honorable Bruce M. Gorman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents. On November 7, 2014, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I independently reviewed the record and hereby ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Initial Decision, as though set forth herein at length, and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

The record for this matter demonstrates that on June 30, 2014, the Petitioner applied for SNAP benefits. The Agency requested the Petitioner to provide a letter from his former employer stating that he did not voluntarily quit his employment and a letter from the persons residing with the Petitioner stating that they prepared their food separately. The Petitioner failed to produce these documents, and the Agency subsequently denied the Petitioner's SNAP application on July 30, 2014. During the hearing, the ALJ found that the Petitioner failed to offer credible proof that he did not

quit his employment and that the persons he resides with maintains separate cooking facilities. As such, the ALJ concluded, and I agree, that the Agency appropriately denied the Petitioner's SNAP application. N.J.A.C. 10:87-2.19 and N.J.A.C. 10:87-10.5.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is ADOPTED and the Agency determination is AFFIRMED.

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