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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 10784-18 D.A.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C121392002 (BERGEN COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner challenges the correctness of Respondent Agency's calculation of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On August 21, 2018, the Honorable John P. Scollo, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents into evidence.

On August 22, 2018, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision affirming the Agency's calculation of Petitioner's benefits. Here, the record reflects that Petitioner's household monthly income consists of Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") totaling \$32, Retirement, Survivor's, and Disability Insurance ("RSDI") benefits totaling \$769, and contributions from her daughter totaling \$100. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1 at 7. In addition, Petitioner received the Heating or Cooling Standard Utility Allowance ("HCSUA") of \$514. *Ibid.*, see also Division of Family Development ("DFD") Instruction 17-09-02 at 12. Petitioner did not disagree with the Agency's calculation of her SNAP benefits, but asserted that "needed and deserved" more. See Initial Decision at 2. Based upon the record presented, the ALJ concluded that the Agency's were correct and that Petitioner was therefore entitled to \$89.00 in monthly SNAP benefits. *Id.* at 3-4; see also Exhibit R-1 at 7 and N.J.A.C. 10:87-6.16. I agree.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

As the Director of the DFD, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed the Initial Decision and having made an independent review of the record in this matter, I hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter.

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



Officially approved final version.

Natasha Johnson
Director

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