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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 01338-21 T.P.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S420688014 (MORRIS CO. OFFICE OF TEMP ASSISTANCE)

Petitioner challenges the Respondent Agency's termination of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits because she no longer resides in Morris County. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. A telephonic plenary hearing was scheduled for March 11, 2021, before the Honorable Susana E. Guerrero, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"). On March 12, 2021, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, dismissing Petitioner's appeal.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed the ALJ's Initial Decision and the record, and I hereby ADOPT the ALJ's Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency's termination of Petitioner's SNAP benefits.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:87-3.2, a household must be a resident of the county in which they file an application for participation, and may not participate in more than one county in any month, unless the individuals have moved into a shelter for batter women and children.

Here, the record in this matter reflects that Petitioner no longer resides in Morris County, and she conceded same at the fair hearing before the ALJ. See Initial Decision at 2. Further, Petitioner also conceded that she is presently receiving SNAP benefits in her new county of residence. Ibid. Petitioner asserted that she was owed three months of SNAP benefits from several years prior. Ibid. However, the ALJ correctly informed Petitioner that that issue was not before the ALJ for consideration, at which point, Petitioner hung up from the telephonic fair hearing. Ibid. Petitioner did not call back in to complete the hearing, and the ALJ therefore dismissed Petitioner's appeal. Ibid.

Based on the foregoing, I find that Petitioner abandoned her appeal in this matter and, therefore, I affirm the Agency's termination of Petitioner's SNAP benefits and dismiss the case.



Accordingly, the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED, the Agency's determination is AFFIRMED, and the case is dismissed.

Officially approved final version.

MAR 25 2021

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

