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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 16758-17 G.C.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C233866020 (UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner's application for SNAP benefits as it contended that Petitioner did not maintain a separate household. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On December 8, 2017, the Honorable Evelyn J. Marose, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents into evidence.

On December 15, 2017, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision affirming the Agency's denial of SNAP benefits. Here, Petitioner submitted an affidavit, in support of his application for SNAP benefits that stated that he and his mother shared some meals together in the home. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-2. Thereafter, the Agency denied Petitioner's application for SNAP benefits, advising that Petitioner and his mother could not be considered separate households for SNAP purposes since the documentation provided indicated that they share some meals together. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1. Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that the Agency's action was correct and affirmed the denial of SNAP benefits. See Initial Decision at 3; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-2.2(a)(3). I agree.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

As Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed the record for this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision. Following an independent evaluation of the record, I concur with the ALJ's decision in this matter and I hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as contained in the Initial Decision.

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

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