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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 18114-17 T.L.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C099684020 (UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner SNAP benefits due to Petitioner's failure to provide requested documentation. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On January 5, 2018, the Honorable Richard McGill, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing and took testimony.

On January 8, 2018, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. Here, the record reflects that Petitioner applied for SNAP benefits on June 26, 2017. See Initial Decision at 2. On July 26, 2017, the Agency issued a notice denying Petitioner's application for SNAP benefits, finding that her household income exceeded the eligibility standard for said benefits, and that she failed to provide verification of income of other members of the household. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibits R-3, R-4. The July 26, 2017, notice informed Petitioner that she had been found ineligible for SNAP benefits, but that her application would be reopened if she provided necessary documentation within the next thirty days. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-3. However, Petitioner did not submit the required documentation until November 8, 2017, more than 60 days after the date she had applied for SNAP benefits, and therefore, the Agency did not reopen Petitioner's SNAP application. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-3, and N.J.A.C. 10:87-2.27(e)(1). Based on the record presented, and the testimony provided by Petitioner and the Agency, the ALJ concluded that Petitioner failed to provide the requested documentation in a timely manner, and affirmed the Agency's denial of Petitioner's application for SNAP benefits. See Initial Decision at 3; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-2.27(e)(1). I agree.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the record in this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision and I concur with the ALJ's decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law.

By way of comment, Petitioner is without prejudice to reapply for SNAP benefits, but is reminded that all requested documentation will need to be provided to the Agency.



Accordingly, the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED and the Agency's action is AFFIRMED.

Officially approved final version.

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Natasha Johnson

Director

