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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **09262-21 D.V.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C170620002 (BERGEN COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of his Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's SNAP benefits, contending that Petitioner had failed to provide verification necessary for continued eligibility. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 30, 2021, the Honorable Evelyn J. Marose, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic conference with the parties, and admitted documents.

On January 3, 2022, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. Here, the record reveals that Petitioner was receiving SNAP benefits on August 27, 2021, when the Agency was advised, through a "new hire alert," that Petitioner had begun employment on June 27, 2021. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-2. In accordance with applicable regulatory authority, the Agency is required to verify income for continued SNAP benefits eligibility, and thus, the Agency requested that Petitioner provide copies of his pay stubs. See Initial Decision at 2; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-2.19, -5.2(a)(1). Petitioner did not provide the requested documentation, and by notice dated October 6, 2021, Petitioner was advised that his SNAP benefits would terminate effective November 1, 2021. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-3. During the telephonic conference with the ALJ, Petitioner acknowledged that he had not advised the Agency of his new employment, nor did he provide the requested paystubs. See Initial Decision at 2. Based on the foregoing, and in accordance with applicable regulatory authority mandating the verification of income for continued SNAP benefits eligibility, the ALJ Agency's termination of Petitioner's SNAP benefits was proper and must stand. See Initial Decision at 3; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-2.19, -5.2(a)(1). I agree.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the ALJ's Initial Decision, and following an independent review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's final conclusion in this matter 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 he must provide all information and documentation requested in order to determine eligibility.



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

Officially approved final version.

January 18, 2022

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

