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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 13917-14 L.G.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S590006 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of his Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's SNAP benefits as it contended that Petitioner voluntarily quit his employment and was now subject to a 30 day period of disqualification. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 7, 2014, the Honorable Leland S. McGee, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On November 10, 2014, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination.

No Exceptions to this Initial Decision were filed.

As the Director of the 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 decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in this matter.

I note that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:87-10.5(c)(2)(vi), the period of disqualification is for a period of one month. In its Adverse Action notice, the Agency advised Petitioner that the effective date of the disqualification was October 10, 2014, and Petitioner could reapply for SNAP benefits on or after November 9, 2014. See Exhibit R-3 at 2. Therefore, Petitioner is free to reapply, if he has not already done so.

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

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Director