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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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### FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 5934-15 S.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C322995 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner challenges the correctness of Respondent Agency's reduction of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits. The Agency reduced Petitioner's SNAP benefits due to Petitioner's receipt of Unemployment Insurance Benefits ("UIB"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On May 19, 2015, the Honorable Richard McGill, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On May 27, 2015, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ found that the Agency had properly utilized the gross amount of Petitioner's UIB in order to determine the correct amount of SNAP benefits, rather than the net amount after tax withholding, as asserted by Petitioner. See Initial Decision at 2; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-5.5 and -5.9. The ALJ further concluded that the Agency had correctly applied the multiplier as outlined in N.J.A.C. 10:87-6.9(d)(1) to determine the appropriate amount of monthly UIB from the weekly reported amount. See Initial Decision at 3.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed by either party.

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 Conclusions of Law in this matter.

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

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