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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 15313-15 S.S.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C094514 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's termination, on recertification, of her and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's SNAP benefits on recertification due to Petitioner's failure to cooperate with the necessary recertification requirements. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 28, 2015, the Honorable Imre Karaszegi, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing and took testimony.

On November 6, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ noted that the basis for the termination of benefits was Petitioner's failure to present any documentary evidence that she had completed the required Interim Report Form for recertification. See Initial Decision at 3; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-9.1(a). Further, the record is bereft of any additional documentary evidence that the Agency had notice of Petitioner's household and income changes. *Ibid.* Consequently, the ALJ affirmed the Agency's determination that Petitioner's SNAP benefits be terminated. *Id.* at 4.

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 in this matter.

By way of comment, Petitioner is free to reapply for SNAP benefits, if she has not done so already.

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

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