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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 8391-14 S.W.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C045091 (UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's reduction of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a Food Stamp Program, benefits. The Agency determined that the Petitioner's SNAP benefits should be reduced as the result of a change in her income.

Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On July 25, 2014, the Honorable Joann Lasala Candido, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. The record was closed on July 25, 2014. On July 29, 2014, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision affirming the Agency determination.

No exceptions were filed to the Initial Decision.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the record for this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision, and having made an independent evaluation of the record, I accept and adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as contained in the Initial Decision.

N.J.A.C. 10:87-5.2(a)(1) states that at the time of recertification for SNAP benefits, applicants shall report all changes in income. Petitioner advised the Agency that her rent decreased by \$28.00 per month. Accordingly, her SNAP benefits were properly reduced by \$9.00 per month.

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

AUG 26 2014

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins
Director