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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 5714-14 T.C.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S787706 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits from September through December 2013. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 3, 2014, the Honorable Michael Antoniewicz, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents. On September 5, 2014, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination.

Neither party submitted exceptions.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I independently reviewed the record and hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

Petitioner was enrolled in college beginning in or about September 2013. There is sufficient credible evidence Petitioner did not establish he was no longer a college student until mid-January 2014 when the Agency granted SNAP benefits. At no time did Petitioner meet any of the applicable SNAP eligibility criteria in N.J.A.C. 10:87-3.14(d), specifically including, but not limited to, -3.14(d)(1) and (d)(2). Petitioner was not employed for a minimum of 20 hours per week with earnings at a rate equal or greater than the federal minimum wage. Likewise, Petitioner did not participate in a qualifying federal or state-financed work study program.

For the foregoing reasons, I ADOPT the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

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