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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 11739-18 R.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C071846003 (BURLINGTON COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's termination of Petitioner's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's SNAP benefits due to Petitioner's failure to provide requested documentation. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 6, 2018, the Honorable Judith Lieberman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On September 20, 2018, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. Here, the record reflects that Petitioner completed an Interim Reporting Form ("IRF") for continued receipt of SNAP benefits, and indicated that she was terminated from her job on May 5, 2018. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-2 at 2. The Agency requested that Petitioner provide a letter from her employer verifying her date of hire, her last day of work and the reason she was no longer employed there. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-3. Petitioner never provided the requested letter and, as a result, on July 2, 2018, the Agency notified Petitioner that her SNAP benefits would be terminated, effective August 1, 2018. See Initial Decision at 2, 8; see also Exhibit R-1, and N.J.A.C. 10:87-2.27(e)(1). Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that the Agency's termination of Petitioner's SNAP benefits was proper and must stand. See Initial Decision at 8. I agree.

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 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 without prejudice to re-apply for SNAP benefits, but is reminded that she must provide all documentation requested by the Agency.

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



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Natasha Johnson
Director

