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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 08047-18 T.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C511464002 (BERGEN COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Petitioner's application for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner's application for 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 June 26, 2018, the Honorable Thomas R. Betancourt, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On June 28, 2018, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. Here, the record reflects that the Agency requested additional documentation from Petitioner in support of her application for SNAP benefits. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1 at 1. Petitioner never provided the requested documentation and, as a result, on May 10, 2018, the Agency denied Petitioner's application for SNAP benefits. See Initial Decision at 2-3; see also Exhibit R-1 at 10, and N.J.A.C. 10:87-2.14. Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that the Agency's denial of Petitioner's application for SNAP benefits was proper and must stand. See Initial Decision at 4. 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.

Officially approved final version.

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Natasha Johnson

Director

