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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 08930-18 T.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C161561011 (MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS..)

Petitioner challenges the correctness of Respondent Agency's calculation of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On July 24, 2018, the Honorable Sarah G. Crowley, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On August 13, 2018, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision affirming the Agency's calculation of Petitioner's SNAP benefits. The record reflects that Petitioner's SNAP household is comprised of Petitioner and her two children. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibits R-2, and R-4 at 2. The record further reflects, and Petitioner does not contest, that she receives bi-weekly child support payments in the amount of \$1,000. See Initial Decision 2; see also Exhibit R-3 at 1, 5. The Agency testified that Petitioner's gross monthly unearned income from child support payments was \$2,167. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-2, and N.J.A.C. 10:87-6.16(b). After the applicable deductions were taken, the Agency determined that there were no further deductions available to Petitioner, and that Petitioner's monthly SNAP net income was \$1,472. *Ibid.*; see also Division of Family Development ("DFD") Instruction No. 17-09-02 at 12. The Agency testified further that based on current guidelines, SNAP benefits for a household of three, with a monthly SNAP net income of \$1,472, is \$62. See Initial Decision at 2, 3; and Exhibits R-2, R-5. Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that the Agency had correctly calculated Petitioner's monthly SNAP benefits to be \$62.00 per month. See Initial Decision at 3; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-6.16. I agree.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As the Director of DFD, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed the Initial Decision and having made an independent review of the record in this matter, I hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision in this matter is ADOPTED and the Agency determination in this matter is AFFIRMED.



Officially approved final version.

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Natasha Johnson

Director

