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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 10645-18 A.H.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C139125007 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner challenges the correctness of Respondent Agency's reduction of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits, on recertification. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On August 14, 2018, the Honorable Evelyn J. Marose, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On August 15, 2018, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. Here, the Agency calculated Petitioner's monthly earned income from two jobs to be \$1,954.00 per month. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibits P-1 through P-4, P-5 through P-7, R-1, and R-2. The Agency also calculated Petitioner's unearned monthly income, in the form of child support payments, to be \$325.00 per month. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-3. Based on those income figures, and after applicable deductions, the Agency determined that Petitioner's monthly SNAP benefit allotment was \$135.00 per month. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-4, N.J.A.C. 10:87-6.16, and Division of Family Development ("DFD") Instruction 17-09-02. Petitioner did not dispute the accuracy of the calculations. See Initial Decision at 3. Based on the record presented, the ALJ concluded that the Agency had correctly determined Petitioner's monthly SNAP allotment on recertification. See Initial Decision at 3-4. I agree.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed by either party.

As the Director of DFD, Department of Human Services, I have considered the ALJ's Initial Decision and following an independent review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's decision and hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter.

By way of comment, Petitioner is advised that Medicaid is not under the jurisdiction of this Division, but rather, under the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services ("DMAHS"). If Petitioner has any issue pertaining to her Medicaid benefits, a fair hearing would need to be requested through, DMAHS, not DFD.



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

Officially approved final version.

AUG 27 2018

Natasha Johnson
Director

