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The following Decision is distributed for your information. This Decision has been made in consideration of the specific facts of this case. This Decision is not to be interpreted as establishing any new mandatory policy or procedure otherwise officially promulgated.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 07028-18 D.D.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C194224020 (UNION COUNTY DIVISION 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 15, 2018, the Honorable Ernest M. Bongiovanni, 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 on April 16, 2018, the Agency requested that Petitioner provide additional information, no later than May 10, 2018, in support of his application for SNAP benefits. See Initial Decision at 4; see also Exhibit R-6 at 3, and N.J.A.C. 10:87-2.19, -2.20. Petitioner never provided the requested information and, as a result, the Agency denied Petitioner's application for SNAP benefits. See Initial Decision at 3; see also Exhibit P-11, and N.J.A.C. 10:87-2.14, -2.25. 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 7. 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.

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



AFFIRMED.

Officially approved final version.

**JL - 9 2018**

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Natasha Johnson

Director

