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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 6652-15 D.P.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C078549 (GLOUCESTER COUNTY DIV. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's recoupment of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a Food Stamps, benefits, as well as recoupment of her Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits. The Agency had determined that Petitioner received an overpayment of SNAP for the period of March 2008 through November 2013 and an overpayment of WFNJ/TANF benefits for the period of June 2011 through April 2012, because Petitioner was ineligible to receive the benefits as she was not a resident of the county from which the benefits were issued and paramour's income could not be verified. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On June 5, 2015, the Honorable John S. Kennedy, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On June 16, 2015, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination that Petitioner had received an overpayment of both benefits which must be repaid. See Initial Decision at 7. The ALJ ordered that Petitioner must repay the overpayments in a lump sum or arrange with the Agency an agreement to repay the debt in installments. Ibid.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

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

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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 is hereby ADOPTED and the Agency's actions in this matter are AFFIRMED.

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