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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 10692-15 J.K.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C079218 (CUMBERLAND COUNTY BD OF SOC SVCS.)

Petitioner challenges the correctness of Respondent Agency's calculation of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits on redetermination. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On August 12, 2015, the Honorable Bruce M. Gorman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On August 14, 2015, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency's calculation of Petitioner's benefits. While Petitioner did not contest the Agency's calculations, she questioned if there were other possible deductions which could be credited and asked to meet with an Agency representative at a future date. See Initial Decision at 2. Following a review of the Agency's calculations, the ALJ concluded that the Agency's calculations were indeed correct and must thereby be affirmed. *Ibid.*; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-6.16.

No exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, 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.

**AUG 28 2015**

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at DFD, BARA

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Director