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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 11814-14 A.L.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C030936 (SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's reduction of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a Food Stamps, benefits, and the sanctioning of her Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits. The Agency reduced Petitioner's SNAP, and sanctioned WFNJ/TANF, benefits due to non-compliance with her work activity. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 6, 2014, the Honorable Bruce M. Gorman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On October 16, 2014, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ noted that while Petitioner admitted to not participating in the required work activity, asserting that she was "too busy applying for disability" and allegedly had a blood clot in her arm, Petitioner failed to provide any medical documentation. See Initial Decision at 2. As such, the ALJ concluded that Petitioner had failed to comply with her work activity. See *id.* at 3.

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 actions are hereby AFFIRMED.

OCT 31 2014

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Director