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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 5551-15 C.T.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S787706 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's reduction of his Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a Food Stamps, benefits, and Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits. The Agency prorated Petitioner's SNAP benefits and WFNJ/GA benefits for the month of April 2015 based on his recertification/redetermination application date of April 16, 2015. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On May 19, 2015, the Honorable JoAnn LaSala Candido, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On May 27, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, which affirmed the Agency's action. The ALJ found that the Agency properly prorated Petitioner's April 2015, SNAP benefits and WFNJ/GA benefits from the time of his April 16, 2015, recertification application to April 30, 2015, and that he received his entire SNAP and WFNJ/GA, benefit amounts for May of 2015. See Initial Decision at 2.

No exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, 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 final conclusion in this matter and hereby ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law in this matter.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is ADOPTED and the Agency's action is AFFIRMED .

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Natasha Johnson
Director