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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 17193-15 E.T.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C621949 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, application and challenges the recoupment of Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On December 8, 2015, the Honorable Richard McGill, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held the plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On December 11, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's denial of SNAP benefits. Based upon the evidence presented, the ALJ concluded that Petitioner had a net income of \$1,713.00 monthly, which placed her over the maximum allowable amount for a household of three. See Initial Decision at 2-3; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-12.3. In addition, the ALJ found that the Agency provided no basis to establish that recoupment of Petitioner's previously issued WFNJ/TANF benefits was appropriate in this matter and ordered the Agency to refund the \$334.00 that was recouped from Petitioner. See Initial Decision 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 ALJ's Initial Decision and following an independent review of the record, 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 hereby ADOPTED and the Agency's determination is AFFIRMED as to the denial of SNAP benefits, and REVERSED as to the recoument of Petitioner's previously issued WFNJ/TANF benefits.

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