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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 16710-14 M.W.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C117016 (ATLANTIC CO. DEPT OF FAM. & COM. DEV)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On February 24, 2015, the Honorable W. Todd Miller, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing and took testimony. On March 3, the ALJ closed the record upon receipt of post-hearing submissions. On March 9, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision which affirmed the Agency determination.

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 record in this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision, and having made an independent evaluation of the record, I ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Initial Decision and AFFIRM the Agency determination.

I agree with the ALJ's finding that Petitioner did not timely try to reschedule a necessary telephone appointment she concededly missed after receiving timely and adequate written notice. Petitioner may immediately reapply for SNAP benefits without prejudice, subject to applicable eligibility criteria.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is ADOPTED and the Agency determination is AFFIRMED.

MAR 20 2015

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Jeanette Page-Hawkins
Director