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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 4654-15 P.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C119318 (ATLANTIC CO. DEPT OF FAM. & COM. DEV)

Petitioner appeals the Respondent Agency's denial of his application for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner's application for SNAP benefits due to Petitioner's enrollment as a full-time college student. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On April 28, 2015, the Honorable Bruce M. Gorman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On May 8, 2015, the ALJ issued his Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ concluded that Petitioner was, indeed, a full-time college student who did not meet any of the criteria which thereby permit students in an institution of higher education to qualify for SNAP benefits. See Initial Decision at 3-5; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-3.14(d).

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 record and the Initial Decision in this matter and I hereby accept and 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 is hereby AFFIRMED.

Signed Copy on File
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Natasha Johnson
Director