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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 14027-14 R.H.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S456816 (MORRIS CO. OFFICE OF TEMP ASSISTANCE)

Petitioner challenges the correctness of Respondent Agency's termination of his Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits. The Agency maintains that Petitioner's SNAP benefits were terminated due to Petitioner's change of residence into an institution. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On January 6, 2015, the Honorable Gail M. Cookson, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents into evidence.

On January 7, 2015, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. The ALJ found that based upon the applicable regulatory authority, N.J.A.C. 10:87-2.4, Petitioner was no longer eligible to receive SNAP benefits as he was now a resident of an institution which provided the majority of his meals. See Initial Decision at 4. As such, the ALJ affirmed the Agency's determination to terminate Petitioner's SNAP benefits. *Ibid.*

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.

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