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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 17071-15 T.S.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C117946 (MONMOUTH COUNTY DIV. OF SOC. SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's termination of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), f/k/a the Food Stamp Program, benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's SNAP benefits due to non-compliance with her work activity. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 30, 2015, the Honorable Susan M. Scarola, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents.

On December 14, 2015, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision affirming the Agency's determination. Based upon the evidence presented in the matter, the ALJ found that Petitioner failed to report to her required work activity on August 31, 2015. See Initial Decision at 3; see also Exhibit R-1 at 22. On September 21, 2015, a letter stating the termination of Petitioner's benefits was sent to the address on file for Petitioner held by the Agency, but was later returned as undeliverable. See Initial Decision at 3; see also Exhibit R-1 at 29. Petitioner argued that, because she never received notice the work activity, her benefits should, therefore, not be terminated. See Initial Decision at 6; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-10.15. However, the ALJ concluded that, because Petitioner changed her address again in July of 2015 and failed to notify the Agency within ten days of doing so, Petitioner did not demonstrate good cause for her failure to appear at the work activity. See Initial Decision at 6; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-9.5(b)(1)(iv).

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 record in this matter and the ALJ's Initial Decision and 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 ADOPTED and the Agency's actions are hereby AFFIRMED.

*Signed Copy on File*  
at DFD, BARA

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Natasha Johnson  
Director