

and expense amounts, the division calculated Mr. F's Food Stamp benefits to be \$146 per month.⁷

III. Discussion

Mr. F does not dispute the amount of income he receives or the amount of his rent, but questions whether his benefits were correctly calculated based on those amounts. The method of calculating Food Stamp benefits is set out in 7 CFR §§ 273.9 and 273.10. The division has an online form that incorporates these regulations and assists in making the necessary calculations.⁸ Exhibit 8 and 8.1 shows this form with Mr. F's income and housing expenses, and further shows that his Food Stamp benefits have been correctly calculated at \$146 per month.⁹ Attachment A repeats this calculation without any income. This shows a benefit amount of \$239 per month, which is the amount Mr. F was previously receiving. This confirms that his benefit amount changed because the division had not previously included Mr. F's income when calculating his Food Stamp benefits. Although his actual income may not have changed, the amount of income that the division was including in its calculations did change, and that is the reason why his Food Stamp benefit amount changed.

IV. Conclusion

Prior to recertification, Mr. F's Food Stamp benefits were being calculated without including Mr. F's income in that calculation. After recertification, the division included his income, and correctly calculated his benefits at \$146 per month. The division's determination is **AFFIRMED**.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2012.

Signed

Jeffrey A. Friedman
Administrative Law Judge

⁷ Exhibit 5.

⁸ <http://dpaweb.hss.state.ak.us/manuals/fs/fsp.htm>.

⁹ Exhibit 8, line Y.

Adoption

The undersigned adopts this decision as final under the authority of AS 44.64.060(e)(1).

Judicial review of this decision may be obtained by filing an appeal in the Alaska Superior Court in accordance with Alaska R. App. P. 602(a)(2) within 30 days after the date of this decision.

DATED this 23rd day of July, 2012.

By: Signed
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