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Case # - SNAP 2023-0045

Joshua White
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Dear Joshua White

This letter serves to explain the actions taken on your case and your appeal of the decrease in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits.

The Department has reviewed the decrease in SNAP benefits and has determined that it is valid based on your daughter being removed from the home and you not providing meals for her.

The following provides a timeline and information used that will help explain the actions taken by the County regarding the decrease.

- 12/5/2022 per Family and Children Services(FCS) removed his daughter Rhyanna Sarnocinski, from Mr. Whites care (**EXHIBIT B**).
- 12/6/2022 the court-ordered temporary legal custody of the department. Per FCS Rhyanna is still in their custody and has no contact with Mr. White at this time. He is not currently providing support or meals for her (**EXHIBIT C**).
- 1/13/2023 Redetermination was filed for both SNAP and TANF(Temporary Aid to Needy Families). The client did not declare in this document that Rhyanna had left the household (**EXHIBIT D**).
- 1/17/2023 TANF case manager verified in a meeting with the client that he was staying in his car and that Rhyanna was staying with family friends per FCS this was no longer accurate as was in their custody at that time (**EXHIBIT E**).
- 2/3/2023 TANF case manager declared that Rhyanna's custody had been taken from him temporarily (**EXHIBIT F**).
- 2/4/2023 Redetermination for SNAP and TANF was worked and the technician left Rhyanna in home based on the redetermination that was filed 1/13/2023 (**EXHIBIT G**). SNAP approved \$516 and TANF was pending at that time awaiting student status for Rhyanna (**EXHIBIT H**).
- On 2/6/2023 received verification of Rhyannas student status (**EXHIBIT I**) and was then approved for TANF 2/9/2023 (**EXHIBIT J-K**). At the time of approval you also received a TANF what you need to know letter notifying reasons you would need to report changes during your certification (**EXHIBIT L**).

Claire Levy County Commissioner

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- 2/27/2023 Claim created for SNAP as received the verification that Rhyanna was removed from the household prior to recertification and was not eligible for benefits (**EXHIBIT M-N**). TANF claim was created 2/24/2023 for the same reason (**EXHIBIT O-P**). SNAP approved for \$281 for March ongoing after Rhyanna was removed from the household(**EXHIBIT Q**).
- 3/3/2023 request for an appeal and or informal hearing (**EXHIBIT R**). 3/9/2023 TANF case manager reviewed needs with the client and reported a request for appeal (**EXHIBIT S**).

See Supporting State Laws:

SNAP: 10 CCR 2506, Volume 1 at §§ 4.000.1, 4.304.B.1, 4.304.B.3, 4.304.1.A,4.504.6.D.4, 4.504.6.D.5, 4.504.6.D.11, 4.604.B, 4.604.G.1, 4.606.B.1.b, 4.606.B.2.b

County Position

Based on the circumstances of this case listed above, the enclosed exhibits, and State policy, it is the position of Boulder County that the decrease in SNAP benefits beginning in March 2023 is valid. As at this time, Mr. White is not seeing his child or providing any meals for her.

If you have questions regarding the hearing process my contact information is provided with my signature. If you are satisfied with the determination that the County has made on your case and you would like to withdraw your appeal, please contact the Office of Administrative Courts directly at 303.866.5626.

Respectfully submitted,



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(Enclosures)

- Exhibits B-S; this cover letter is labeled as Exhibit A

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