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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **07167-23 J.R.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C119917006 (CUMBERLAND COUNTY BD OF SOC SVCS.)**

Petitioner challenges the correctness of the Agency's claim for recoupment of an overissuance of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for a hearing. A settlement in this matter was reached, and facts were adduced and placed on the record on February 28, 2024, and April 30, 2024, before the Honorable Robert D. Herman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"). See Initial Decision at 2. On June 19, 2024, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, finding that a settlement had reached between the parties, that Petitioner had knowingly and voluntarily withdrawn her request for a fair hearing and that both parties agreed to be bound by the reached settlement. *Ibid.* Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that the matter should be dismissed.

As Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I find that, as this matter has now settled and Petitioner has withdrawn her request for a fair hearing, a contested case no longer exists and this matter has been rendered moot, and as such, I hereby ADOPT the ALJ's Initial Decision, and DISMISS the matter.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is ADOPTED, and as no contested case remains in this matter, this appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

Officially approved final version. July 03, 2024

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

