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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 03288-19 M.D.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C043321005 (CAPE MAY COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/TANF benefits, contending that Petitioner failed to provide requested documentation. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On April 4, 2019, the Honorable Dorothy Incarvito-Garrabrant, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On April 25, 2019, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial of WFNJ/TANF benefits to Petitioner. Therefore, as the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the Agency to provide Petitioner with WFNJ/TANF benefits, retroactive to the date of his WFNJ/TANF benefits application, January 22, 2019. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.2(f)(8). Further, I find that this matter has now been rendered moot, and I therefore DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

Accordingly, Petitioner's appeal now being deemed moot, the matter is hereby DISMISSED.

Officially approved final version. Natasha Johnson Director

