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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **00213-24 A.H.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C149445003 (BURLINGTON COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's delayed processing and subsequent termination of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits, due to an alleged failure to complete the redetermination/recertification process. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On March 4, 2024, the Honorable Kimberley M. Wilson, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ,") held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. The record remained open for the submission of additional documentation and then closed on March 19, 2024. On April 2, 2024, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, directing the Agency provide Petitioner with the redetermination/recertification application, to continue processing the application, make a written determination on the redetermination/recertification applications and if approved, to determine if retroactive benefits are appropriate from September 2023, forward.

This office has been advised that the Agency has rescinded the termination of WFNJ/GA and SNAP from the end of August 2023, due to an alleged failure to return the redetermination/recertification application and that Petitioner has since been approved for said benefits. I direct that the Agency provide Petitioner with retroactive benefits, if not already done so, due to the improper termination. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I find that, as a contested case no longer exists, this matter has now been rendered moot, and as such, I hereby DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

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

Officially approved final version. May 9, 2024

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

