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The following Decision is distributed for your information. This Decision has been made in consideration of the specific facts of this case. This Decision is not to be interpreted as establishing any new mandatory policy or procedure otherwise officially promulgated.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 11107-25 A.S.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C118850002 (BERGEN COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits, contending that Petitioner had exhausted his 60-month cumulative lifetime limit of WFNJ cash benefits and did not qualify for an exemption from said lifetime limit. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 2, 2025 the Honorable Kelly J. Kirk, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents, and the record was closed on that date. On September 8, 2025 the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, remanding the matter to the Agency for further clarification as to submitted medical documentation.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding the termination of Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the Agency to provide Petitioner with WFNJ/GA benefits, including applicable retroactive benefits. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-9.16(c). Further, I find that this matter has now been rendered moot, and therefore, DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

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

Officially approved final version. October 30, 2025

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Natasha Johnson  
Assistant Commissioner

