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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
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **05140-25 K.S.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C045978005 (CAPE MAY COUNTY WELFARE BOARD)**

Petitioner Agency charges Respondent with committing an intentional program violation ("IPV"), as defined by N.J.A.C. 10:87-11.3 and 7 C.F.R. 273.16(c), of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"). The Agency asserts that Respondent intentionally misrepresented her household composition while she received SNAP benefits, thus causing Respondent to receive an overissuance of benefits to which she was not entitled. Respondent was properly noticed of the Administrative Disqualification Hearing, the charges against her, and the proposed disqualification penalty, via Certified Mail, on February 24, 2025. See Exhibit P-1 at 50; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-11.5(a)(3)(i) and 7 C.F.R. 273.16(e)(3)(i). Because Respondent failed to execute and return the waiver of her right to a hearing, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing as a contested case. The matter was initially scheduled for May 1, 2025, at which time the matter was adjourned to June 12, 2025. On June 12, 2025, an additional adjournment was granted. On July 29, 2025, the Honorable Catherine A. Tuohy, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), conferenced the matter, at which time the parties stipulated to a resolution of the matter which was placed on the record. See Initial Decision at 2-5. On July 29, 2025, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, finding that the Agency's submission packet was stipulated into evidence as P-1, that the Respondent agreed to having committed an IPV, that the Respondent agreed to a twelve-month disqualification from receipt of SNAP benefits, and that Respondent agreed to enter into a repayment plan with the Agency in order to repay the \$850 in overissued SNAP benefits. *Ibid.*; see also N.J.A.C. 10:87-11.2(a)(1), -11.20 and 7 C.F.R. 273.16(b)(1)(I), -273.18.

As Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed the Initial Decision and the terms of settlement, and I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision. Furthermore, as this matter has now been resolved, I find that no contest case remains, and therefore, I hereby DISMISS this matter.

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

Officially approved final version. August 13, 2025

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

