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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **07067-24 D.H.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **S482233014 (MORRIS CO. OFFICE OF TEMP ASSISTANCE)**

Petitioner appeals the correctness of the Respondent Agency's reduction of Petitioner's Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits for a two-month period. The Agency reduced Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits for the period of March 1, 2024, through April 30, 2024, due to an invalid MED-1 form. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 17, 2024, the Honorable Andrew M. Baron, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On February 3, 2025, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, erroneously affirming a reduction of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits, instead of Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits, but which had subsequently been adjusted to the original amount.

Here, based on an independent review of the record, and taking official notice of the records of this office, I find that the Agency provided Petitioner with WFNJ/GA benefits for the period of March 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024, in an amount required to make her whole. See also Initial Decision at 2-3. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I find that, as no contested case exists and this matter has now been rendered moot, Petitioner's appeal may be DISMISSED.

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

Officially approved final version. March 27, 2025

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

