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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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AMENDED DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **13684-24 N.M.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C231047007 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)**

A Final Agency Decision ("FAD") was issued in this matter on March 27, 2025. This Amended FAD is being issued solely to correct a clerical error in the first paragraph with respect to the Administrative Law Judge's determination in the Initial Decision, and hereby supersedes the previously issued FAD.

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits, at redetermination, for failure to provide original signatures on required addendum documents. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On January 22, 2025, the Honorable William J. Courtney, Administrative Law Judge, ("ALJ"), held the telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On January 24, 2025, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, vacating the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial, effective July 17, 2024, of WFNJ/GA benefits to Petitioner. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the Agency to provide Petitioner with retroactive WFNJ/GA benefits, if it has not already done so. 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. May 06, 2025

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

