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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **02815-25 S.W.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C166078003 (BURLINGTON COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS)**

Petitioner appeals regarding retroactive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits for the time period of July, 2024 to December, 2024, after informing the Agency she had lost her employment and had no earned income. The Agency did not act upon the information provided by Petitioner regarding her loss of employment and the impact of the lost earned income upon her benefits allotment amount. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On April 9, 2025, the Honorable Kim C. Belin, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents, and the record was closed on that date. On April 30, 2025 the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its position regarding retroactive SNAP benefits due 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 the appropriate retroactive SNAP benefits, from July 17, 2024, to December 31, 2024. 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 16, 2025

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Natasha Johnson  
Assistant Commissioner

