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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 13337-24 S.Y.

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C846347007 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner's application for SNAP benefits, contending that Petitioner was ineligible for said benefits due to current citizenship/immigration status. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On January 14, 2025, the Honorable Mumtaz Bari-Brown, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. The record was held open until January 16, 2025, for the submission of additional documents, and then closed. On January 27, 2025, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial, effective June 28, 2024, of SNAP 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 SNAP 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. March 11, 2025

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

