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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **22143-25 E.H.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C028076018 (SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits, termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits, and reduction of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF benefits, contending that Petitioner's monthly income exceeded her benefit amount. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits, contending that Petitioner was ineligible for receipt of same as she was no longer a WFNJ benefits recipient. The Agency also reduced Petitioner's SNAP benefits based upon her receipt of child support. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On March 25, 2026, the Honorable Andrea Spevak, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents, and the record was closed on that date. On April 8, 2026, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, finding that Petitioner's monthly income did not exceed her benefit amount, and that she remained eligible for receipt of WFNJ/TANF benefits, and consequently, that she remained eligible for Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. Additionally, the ALJ found that Petitioner's SNAP benefits amount should not be reduced.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding the termination of Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF and EA benefits, as well as continuing Petitioner's monthly SNAP benefits at the unreduced previous allotment amount. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the Agency to provide Petitioner with WFNJ/TANF and EA benefits, retroactive to effective date of termination, as well as prospective EA benefits, and to continue Petitioner's SNAP benefits at the unreduced previous monthly allotment amount, and provide any retroactive SNAP benefits accordingly. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-9.16(c) and N.J.A.C. 10:87-8.18. Further, I find that this matter has now been rendered moot, and therefore, DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

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

Officially approved final version. June 24, 2026

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

