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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **14128-25 F.B.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C218050004 (CAMDEN-CCBSS)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF benefits, contending that there was no eligible child in her household. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 12, 2025, the Honorable Sarah G. Crowley, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents.

On November 21, 2025, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. Here, the ALJ found, and the record substantiates, that Petitioner's son, the only eligible child in the household, turned eighteen years old in November, 2024. See Initial Decision at 2. The Agency, in accordance with regulation, continued benefits through the end of the child's school year when he graduated from high school in June, 2025. Ibid. Consequently, because Petitioner no longer had an eligible child in her household, the Agency terminated her WFNJ/TANF benefits, effective August 1, 2025. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1, and N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.7(a). Based on the testimony and documentation submitted, the ALJ concluded that the Agency properly terminated WFNJ/TANF benefits to Petitioner. See Initial Decision at 2-3; see also Exhibit R-1, and N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.7(a). I agree.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the ALJ's Initial Decision, and following an independent review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's final conclusion in this matter and hereby ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law.

By way of comment, Petitioner is advised that she may apply for WFNJ/General Assistance benefits, if appropriate. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-2.7(b).

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED, and the Agency's determination is AFFIRMED.

Officially approved final version. January 20, 2026

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

