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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 01814-20 J.D.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S464404014 (MORRIS CO. OFFICE OF TEMP ASSISTANCE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency’s termination of her Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“SNAP”) benefits due to a failure to provide requested documentation. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. A hearing was initially scheduled for February 27, 2020, but was adjourned due to a family member’s illness. The matter was rescheduled for March 26, 2020, but was adjourned due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. On July 7, 2020, the Honorable Andrew M. Baron, Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. The record was held upon until July 10, 2020, then extended to July 21, 2020, for submission of additional documentation, and then closed. On July 28, 2020, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency’s determination and deeming Petitioner eligible for SNAP benefits, effective May 1, 2020.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its termination of Petitioner’s SNAP benefits, effective May 1, 2020, and that it has issued SNAP benefits, retroactive to that date. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I find that, as a contested case no longer exists, this matter has now been rendered moot, and as such, I hereby DISMISS Petitioner’s appeal.

Accordingly, Petitioner’s appeal now being deemed moot, the matter is hereby DISMISSED.

Officially approved final version.

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