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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **06449-23 E.H.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C602596007 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)**

Petitioner had appealed from the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WNJ/GA") benefits. On September 7, 2023, a plenary hearing was scheduled before the Honorable JoAnn LaSala Candido, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ").

Also on September 7, 2023, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, finding that Petitioner was now deceased. See Initial Decision at 1-2. Accordingly, the ALJ concluded that this matter was no longer a contested case before the Office of Administrative Law, and ordered that the matter be dismissed. *Id.* at 2.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed the ALJ's Initial Decision and the record, and I hereby ADOPT the ALJ's Initial Decision.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED, and Petitioner's appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

Officially approved final version. October 12, 2023

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

