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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **05872-23 J.M.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C194742009 (HUDSON COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)**

Petitioner Agency charges Respondent with committing an intentional program violation ("IPV") of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), and the Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") program. Respondent was properly noticed of the SNAP and WFNJ Administrative Disqualification Hearing, the charges against her, and the proposed disqualification penalties by notices dated June 6, 2023. Because Respondent failed to execute and return either waiver of her right to a hearing, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for a July 12, 2023 hearing. That hearing date was then adjourned to August 14, 2023. Prior to the rescheduled hearing date, Petitioner submitted an executed NJ SNAP Disqualification Consent Agreement dated July 18, 2023, consenting to a 12-month disqualification penalty, as dictated by regulatory authority for a first SNAP IPV occurrence. See N.J.A.C. 10:87-11.2(a)(1). Therefore, on July 21, 2023, the Honorable Kimberly A. Moss, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") issued an Initial Decision dismissing the matter, as no contested case remained to be adjudicated.

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 ADOPT the ALJ's Initial Decision, and DISMISS the matter with respect to the SNAP IPV. I note that the transmittal in this matter also indicates a contest issue regarding a WFNJ/TANF IPV. Should the Agency decide to still pursue the WFNJ/TANF IPV, it may seek another Administrative Disqualification Hearing, in accordance with applicable regulatory authority.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is ADOPTED, and as no contested case exists in this matter, this appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

Officially approved final version. July 26, 2023

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

