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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **00407-23 I.G.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C228175013 (MONMOUTH COUNTY DIV. OF SOC. SVCS)**

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF"), and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"), benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/TANF and SNAP benefits, contending that Petitioner was ineligible for said benefits due to current citizenship/immigration status. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. A hearing was initially scheduled for February 24, 2023, and at that hearing, Petitioner requested to file a motion for summary decision, asserting that there was no genuine issue of material fact. The parties submitted letter briefs in lieu of more formal briefs, and the record then closed on March 20, 2023. On March 30, 2023, the Honorable Mary Ann Bogan, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), decided the matter on the papers, affirming the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial of WFNJ/TANF and SNAP benefits to Petitioner. 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 SNAP benefits retroactive to the date of Petitioner's applications, if it has not already done so. Further, I find that this matter has now been rendered moot, and I therefore DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

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

Officially approved final version. June 8, 2023

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

