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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **09702-22 N.C.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **S931647009 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. Petitioner maintained that she received no notice that her benefits were to be terminated. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On December 8, 2022, the Honorable Kimberly A. Moss, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On December 9, 2022, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination, on the basis that Petitioner had received no notice of the termination, in violation of N.J.A.C. 10:87-9.4.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

While I agree with the ALJ's final conclusion in this case, I take official notice that records of this office indicate that, shortly after the fair hearing in this matter, Petitioner was approved for SNAP benefits, retroactive to August 1, 2022, with a certification period through July 31, 2023, and further, that Petitioner has since been provided with said benefits, including the retroactive benefits. See N.J.A.C. 1:1-15.2(a) and N.J.R.E. 201(b)(4). Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I find that, as Petitioner has now been made whole through the approval of her SNAP benefits and retroactive benefits having been issued, a contested case no longer exists, and this matter has now been rendered moot. 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. February 21, 2023

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

