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The following Decision is distributed for your information. This Decision has been made in consideration of the specific facts of this case. This Decision is not to be interpreted as establishing any new mandatory policy or procedure otherwise officially promulgated.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 11198-23 H.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C268104020 (UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner Agency charges Respondent with committing an intentional program violation ("IPV") of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") program. Respondent was properly noticed of the SNAP Administrative Disqualification Hearing, the charges against her, and the proposed disqualification penalties by notice dated July 17, 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 hearing to be held on October 27, 2023. On the scheduled hearing date, Respondent agreed to a settlement and confirmed on the record that she would sign and submit an executed Waiver of Right to Administrative Disqualification Hearing form to the Agency as soon as possible. Based on the foregoing, on November 1, 2023, the Honorable Matthew G. Miller, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") issued an Initial Decision confirming the settlement between the parties.

As Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I find that, as this matter has now settled, a contested case no longer exists and this matter has been rendered moot, and as such, I hereby ADOPT the ALJ's Initial Decision, and DISMISS the matter. However, in the event that Respondent does not return an executed Waiver of Right to Administrative Disqualification Hearing form to the Agency as agreed upon, the Agency is without prejudice to bring this action again.

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

Officially approved final version. November 15, 2023

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

