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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 01753-24 P.P.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C104840001 (ATLANTIC CO. DEPT OF FAM. & COM. DEV)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") benefits and a denial of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/GA benefits due to Petitioner's receipt of Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance ("RSDI") benefits and denied Petitioner SNAP benefits due to excess income. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On February 13, 2024, the Honorable Elaine B. Frick, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), convened the telephonic matter, at which time the parties confirmed the resolution of the matter on the record.

On February 14, 2024, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, memorializing the resolution between the parties. Specifically, Petitioner confirmed under oath that he was withdrawing his request for a fair hearing on the termination of WFNJ/GA benefits. See Initial Decision at 2. Based on Petitioner's representations, the ALJ dismissed Petitioner's appeal with respect to the WFNJ/GA issue.

With regards to the denial of SNAP benefits, the Agency agreed to rescind the denial and requested that the issue be remanded for the Agency to reevaluate the matter, which will include the month of February. Ibid. Petitioner agreed to this resolution, Ibid.

Based on the foregoing, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I find that, as Petitioner has withdrawn his request for a fair hearing with regards to a termination of WFNJ/GA benefits, that issue has now been rendered moot, and may therefore be dismissed. Further, as the Agency is rescinding the denial of SNAP benefits, and has requested that the issue be remanded back to the Agency for further action, I so direct. Finally, as the SNAP issue has been rescinded and remanded, I further find that the SNAP issue is also moot at this time and as such, may also be dismissed.

Accordingly, as Petitioner's appeals on these issues have now been deemed moot, the case, in its entirety, is hereby DISMISSED.



Officially approved final version. February 26, 2024

Natasha Johnson

**Assistant Commissioner** 

