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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 4911-20 F.V.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C745145007 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Emergency Assistance ("EA"), benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner WFNJ/TANF benefits, contending that she was ineligible for said benefits due to earned income. The Agency denied Petitioner EA benefits because she did not qualify for WFNJ/TANF benefits and, therefore, was ineligible for EA benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On June 1, 2020, the Honorable Nanci G. Stokes, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On June 2, 2020, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial of both WFNJ/TANF and EA 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 both WFNJ/TANF and EA benefits. Further, I find that this matter has now been rendered moot, and therefore DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

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

Officially approved final version.

JUN 11 2020

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

