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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **10438-21 R.H.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C425349016 (PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)**

An appeal was made in this matter due to the closure of a household's SNAP benefits case. On January 20, 2022, a telephonic fair hearing was scheduled before the Honorable Kimberly A. Moss, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"). Prior to the opening of the record in the matter, R.H., the listed Petitioner in this matter, indicated that she had not requested a fair hearing, but her husband had. See Initial Decision at 2. R.H. further stated that she and her husband do not reside in the same household. Ibid. The Respondent Agency's representative, who had appeared for the telephonic hearing, indicated that they would have the matter relisted with the correct appealing party. Ibid. Accordingly, the ALJ found that no contested case existed and dismissed the case. Ibid.; see also N.J.A.C. 1:1-2.1, -3.2(a).

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed the ALJ's Initial Decision and the record, and I hereby ADOPT the ALJ's Initial Decision, as I find that no contested case exists, and the matter must therefore be dismissed.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED, and appeal is hereby dismissed.

Officially approved final version.

February 9, 2022

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

