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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **08191-21 Z.S.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C047626021 (WARREN CO. DIV TEMP ASST & SOC. SVCS)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of her Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits, at recertification. The Agency terminated Petitioner's SNAP benefits at recertification, contending that Petitioner had failed to provide information and documentation necessary to determine continued eligibility. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for a hearing. A telephonic plenary hearing was scheduled for October 27, 2021, before the Honorable Mumtaz Bari-Brown, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), at which time Petitioner advised that she would withdraw her appeal in the within matter, on the condition that she was allowed to state her assertion on the record that the Agency had provided false information. On December 16, 2021, Petitioner's position was confirmed by the Agency through an email to the ALJ, and the record then closed. See Initial Decision at 2; see also Exhibit R-1. Based upon that email confirmation, on December 17, 2021, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, dismissing Petitioner's appeal, as the case was no longer a contested case before the OAL.

As Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I find that, as Petitioner has withdrawn her request for a fair hearing in this matter, a contested case no longer exists and this matter has now been rendered moot. As such, the Agency's determination in this matter stands, and I hereby DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision in this matter is ADOPTED, and, Petitioner's appeal now being deemed moot, the matter is hereby DISMISSED.

Officially approved final version.

January 13, 2022

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Natasha Johnson  
Assistant Commissioner

