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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **07165-26 S.W.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C101145013** (**MONMOUTH COUNTY DIV. OF SOC. SVCS**)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("WFNJ/TANF") benefits, as well as Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/TANF benefits, contending that Petitioner had reached her WFNJ lifetime limit of 60-months of such benefits, and did not qualify for any extension of benefits or exemption to such lifetime limitation. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits because she no longer was a WFNJ, nor a Supplemental Security Income ("SSI"), benefits recipient. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On August 14, 2026, the Honorable Mary Ann Bogan, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On September 3, 2026, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determinations.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its termination of 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 such benefits, if it has not already done so. 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. October 08, 2026

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner