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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 8309-15 A.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA455358 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of an extension of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner an extension of EA benefits contending that he had exhausted his lifetime limit of EA benefits, and did not qualify for any available extensions. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 11, 2015, the Honorable Leland S. McGee, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On November 2, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial of an extension of EA benefits to Petitioner. Therefore, as the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the Agency to provide Petitioner with EA benefits, and, further, I find that this matter has now been rendered moot, and I therefore DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

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

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Natasha Johnson Director