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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 17938-15 R.G.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA156343 (WARREN CO. DIV TEMP ASST & SOC. SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits in the form of motel placement. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits contending that he had violated the terms of his EA service plan, and exhausted his lifetime limit of EA benefit. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On December 17, 2015, the Honorable Gail M. Cookson, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On December 18, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its termination of Petitioner's EA benefits. 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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