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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **02530-24 A.A.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **S598735012 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits, contending that she had exhausted her lifetime limit of EA benefits, and did not qualify for a further extension of EA benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On March 1, 2024, the Honorable Robert D. Herman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On March 4, 2024, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's termination of Petitioner's EA benefits.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its December 22, 2023, termination of Petitioner's EA benefits, effective March 1, 2024. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the Agency to provide Petitioner with six months of EA benefits in accordance with the extreme hardship extension, as set forth at N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.4(d). Further, at the end of that six-month extension period, Petitioner is advised that she may apply for a further extension of EA benefits, as may be applicable to her circumstances at that point in time. Accordingly, 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. March 15, 2024

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

