

## **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 10730-15 H.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA438398 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of her application for an extension of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits in the form of Temporary Rental Assistance ("TRA"). The Agency denied Petitioner's request because she has exhausted her lifetime limit of EA, plus all available extensions. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On July 27, 2015, the Honorable Sandra Ann Robinson, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On July 28, 2015, the ALJ issued her Initial Decision affirming the Agency determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial of EA benefits to Petitioner. This office has been further advised that Petitioner may now be residing in another county. 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, if Petitioner is still in need of EA benefits, and further, to consult with the county where Petitioner may now be residing. As I find that this matter has now been rendered moot, I therefore DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

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

Signed Copy on File at DFD, BARA

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