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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

**FINAL DECISION** 

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 12895-15 M.A.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C004458 (CAPE MAY COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of an extension of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits, and subsequent termination of her EA benefits under the Housing Assistance Program ("HAP") pilot. The Agency denied Petitioner any further extension of EA benefits contending that she had exhausted her lifetime limit and all available extensions. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On October 8, 2015, the Honorable W. Todd Miller, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On October 15, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, which reversed 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.

Signed Copy on File at DFD, BARA

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Natasha Johnson Director