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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 12409-19 D.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C076507013 (MONMOUTH COUNTY DIV. OF SOC. SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied EA benefits to Petitioner, contending that she failed to comply with her EA service plan, by failing to pay her 30 percent pro rata share of housing costs. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 11, 2019, the Honorable Elia A. Pelios, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On September 12, 2019, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial 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. Further, 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.

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Natasha Johnson  
Director

