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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **06444-20 F.C.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **S734174009 (HUDSON COUNTY DEPT OF FAM SVCS)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits in the form of shelter. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On July 15, 2020, the Honorable Nanci G. Stokes, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), convened the parties for a telephonic plenary hearing. During the course of discussions prior to the hearing, Petitioner agreed, on the record, to withdraw his request for a fair hearing. Petitioner indicated that there was no eviction pending, the Agency had paid his EA through July, 2020, and was advised that he could reapply for EA benefits, and the Agency provided Petitioner instructions on how to do so. Based on the foregoing, on July 16, 2020, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, dismissing the case, as it was no longer a contested case.

Following a review of the facts and the record in this matter, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby DISMISS Petitioner's appeal, as Petitioner is not homeless or imminently homeless, and therefore, no contested case exists.

By way of comment, Petitioner may reapply for EA benefits, and should such application be denied by the Agency, Petitioner may request another fair hearing on that denial.

Accordingly, as no contested case exists in this matter, Petitioner's is hereby DISMISSED.

Officially approved final version.

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Natasha Johnson
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