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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 04975-20 P.H.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C084179003 (BURLINGTON 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 Petitioner had failed to locate affordable housing within 60 days, in violation of her EA service plan ("SP"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On June 24, 2020, the Honorable Dean J. Buono, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents. The record remained open until the end of July, 2020, to allow Petitioner the opportunity to file a MED-5 form. When no information was received related to the filing of same, the ALJ closed the record on August 5, 2020. Also on August 5, 2020, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's termination of Petitioner's EA benefits.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its termination of Petitioner's EA benefits. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I find that, as a contested case no longer exists, this matter has now been rendered moot, and as such, I hereby DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

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

Officially approved final version.

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Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

