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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 03900-20 R.U.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C521524002 (BERGEN COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits, in the form of Temporary Rental Assistance ("TRA"), and the imposition of a six-month ineligibility penalty for EA benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA/TRA benefits, contending that, unbeknownst to the Agency, Petitioner had permitted an unauthorized person to reside in his apartment with him, in violation of his EA service plan ("SP"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On June 23, 2020, the Honorable Evelyn J. Marose, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), convened the parties for a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony and admitted documents. Also on June 23, 2020, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's termination of Petitioner's EA benefits, and the imposition of a six-month EA penalty.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its termination of Petitioner's EA benefits, and the imposition of a six-month period of EA ineligibility. 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.

By way of comment, Petitioner is advised that, as the other individual that was residing with him did not qualify for Work First New Jersey benefits, if that person continues to reside with him, they are responsible for their respective portion of the monthly rent. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.2(a).

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

Officially approved final version.

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