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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 04653-21 J.P.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S482438014 (MORRIS CO. OFFICE OF TEMP ASSISTANCE)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On June 3, 2021, the Honorable John P. Scollo, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On June 4, 2021, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, finding that Petitioner was not presently homeless or imminently homeless, and as such, denied Petitioner's request for EA benefits at this time.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

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 currently homeless or imminently homeless, and therefore, no contested case exists.

By way of comment, Petitioner is without prejudice to reapply for EA benefits, and should such application be denied by the Agency, Petitioner may request another fair hearing on that denial. However, Petitioner is reminded that the Agency "shall determine" the most appropriate form of emergency housing required to address the needs of an EA recipient, which may include shelter placement. See N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.3(a)(1).

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

Officially approved final version.

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