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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 10692-20 M.K.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C157222003 (BURLINGTON COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits, its denial of extension of EA benefits, and the imposition of a six-month period of ineligibility for EA benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits, contending that she had exhausted her lifetime limit of EA benefits; denied her an extension of EA benefits, and imposed a six-month EA ineligibility penalty, due to EA service plan violations. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On December 28, 2020, the Honorable Susan L. Olgiati, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On January 25, 2021, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's termination of Petitioner's EA benefits, reversing the Agency's denial of an extension of EA benefits to Petitioner, and reversing the Agency's imposition of a six-month EA ineligibility penalty.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its termination of Petitioner's EA benefits, with effective date of November 8, 2020, its denial of an extension of EA benefits to Petitioner, and the imposition of a six-month EA ineligibility penalty. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the Agency to provide Petitioner with EA benefits, so long as she continues to remain eligible for same. 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.

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Officially approved final version.

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

