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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 13397-23 A.J.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S592459012 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits, and its denial of an extreme hardship extension of EA benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits, contending that she had exhausted her lifetime limit of EA benefits, and denied her an extension of EA benefits, contending that she did not meet the criteria for such extension. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On December 8, 2023, the Honorable Sarah G. Crowley, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On December 8, 2023, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's termination of Petitioner's EA benefits, and its denial of an extension of EA benefits to Petitioner.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its termination of Petitioner's EA benefits, with effective date of December 9, 2023, and its denial of an extension of EA benefits to Petitioner. 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.

Officially approved final version. December 21, 2023

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

