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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **03282-23 N.S.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C316870007 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)**

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 April 24, 2023, the Honorable Gail M. Cookson, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On April 25, 2023, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial 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. Further, I find that this matter has now been rendered moot, and therefore, DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

By way of comment, as Petitioner is a Supplemental Security Income benefits recipient, I find he is a good candidate for the ICM/State Rental Assistance Program ("SRAP") and the Agency is directed to refer him to said program, if it has not already done so. See DFDI 17-01-01.

Accordingly, as Petitioner's appeal on this issue has now been deemed moot, the matter is hereby DISMISSED.

Officially approved final version. May 16, 2023

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

