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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **01599-24 H.D.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C033989005 (CAPE MAY COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner EA benefits, contending that she had exhausted her lifetime limit of EA benefits, and did not qualify for an extension of EA benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On February 9, 2024, the Honorable Robert D. Herman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On February 12, 2024, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's denial of EA benefits to Petitioner, and remanding the matter back to the Agency to reevaluate Petitioner's eligibility for an extension of said benefits.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its February 2, 2024, 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, retroactive to that date. 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. February 22, 2024

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

