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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
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**FINAL DECISION**

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 16588-15 A.P.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C137734 (BERGEN COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits contending that he had exhausted his lifetime limit of EA benefits, plus all available extensions. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On December 22, 2015, the Honorable Thomas R. Bentancourt, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On December 24, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its termination of Petitioner's EA benefits. Therefore, as the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the Agency to provide Petitioner with EA benefits, and, further, I find that this matter has now been rendered moot, and I therefore DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

Accordingly, Petitioner's appeal now being deemed moot, the matter is hereby DISMISSED.

*Signed Copy on File*

at DFD, BARA

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Natasha Johnson  
Director