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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 125-16 G.O.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA460603 (BURLINGTON COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of an extension of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits, and resultant termination of his EA benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits contending that he had exhausted his lifetime limit of EA benefits, and did not qualify for any further extension of EA benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On January 19, 2016, the Honorable Lisa James-Beavers, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On January 20, 2016, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial of an extension of EA benefits to Petitioner. 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.

JAN 29 2016

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Natasha Johnson
Director