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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **08060-22 D.S.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C058186005 (CAPE MAY COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)**

Petitioners appeal from the Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioners' EA benefits, contending that the assistance unit had exhausted their lifetime limit of EA benefits and did not qualify for an extension of said benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 21, 2022, the Honorable Susan L. Olgiate, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. The record remained open until September 22, 2022, to allow Petitioner the opportunity to provide a supplemental statement. No such statement was received from Petitioner and the record then closed on that date. On September 23, 2022, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination.

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

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

Officially approved final version.

October 4, 2022

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

