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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **01087-22 N.D.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **S615054012 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits, and the imposition of a six-month period of ineligibility for EA benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits, and imposed a six-month EA penalty, contending that she had failed to comply with her EA service plan ("SP"), and had abandoned her motel placement. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On February 15, 2022, the Honorable Elaine B. Frick, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On February 16, 2022, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's EA termination based upon Petitioner's failure to comply with her EA service plan.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its termination of Petitioner's EA benefits. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I find that, as a contested case no longer exists, this matter has now been rendered moot, and as such, I hereby DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

By way of comment, as the record indicates that Petitioner has an open case with the Division of Child Protection and Permanency ("DCPP"), a copy of the Initial and Final Decisions shall be forwarded to DCPP.

Accordingly, as no contested case exists in this matter, Petitioner's appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

Officially approved final version.

March 23, 2022

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

