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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **08961-25 D.F.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C264633004 (CAMDEN-CCBSS)**

Petitioner appeals from the 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, and did not qualify for a further extension of EA benefits at the present time. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On May 27, 2025, the Honorable Kathleen M. Calemme, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, admitted documents, and the record was closed.

Also on May 27, 2025, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination. Here, the ALJ found, and the record substantiates, that Petitioner has received his lifetime limit of EA benefits, and currently does not qualify for any further extension of any kind. See Initial Decision at 2-3; see also Exhibit R-1. Petitioner did submit a Hardship Extension application, however, upon review, the Agency determined that he did not meet the criteria for a hardship extension of EA benefits. See Initial Decision at 2-3; see also Exhibit R-1 and N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.4(a), (b), (c). Based on the foregoing, the ALJ concluded that the Agency's termination of Petitioner's EA benefits was proper and must stand. See Initial Decision at 3-4; see also Exhibit R-1. I agree.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have considered the ALJ's Initial Decision, and following an independent review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's final conclusion in this matter and hereby ADOPT the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law.

By way of further comment, the Agency shall refer Petitioner to any and all agencies and organizations that may be able to assist with his current needs, including Social Services for the Homeless.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED, and the Agency's determination is AFFIRMED.

Officially approved final version. June 05, 2025

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

