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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 19358-15 L.H.

AGENCY DKT. NO. GA588306 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of an extension of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner an extension of EA benefits contending that he had exhausted his lifetime limit of EA benefit, plus all available extensions. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On December 11, 2015, the Honorable Jeffrey A. Gerson, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On December 11, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, which reversed the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial 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.

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at DFD, BARA

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Natasha Johnson
Director