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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **16573-24 S.E.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C316761007 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)**

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance/ Temporary Rental Assistance ("EA/TRA") benefits in the form of past due rent. The Agency denied Petitioner EA/TRA benefits, contending that she had available funds, and the capacity to pay her rent, but failed to do so, and owed more than three months of past due rent. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On December 4, 2024, the Honorable Matthew G. Miller, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On December 5, 2024, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's denial of EA benefits to Petitioner.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its November 19, 2024, denial of EA benefits to Petitioner, as per the basis for denial stated above. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the Agency to provide Petitioner with EA/TRA benefits in the form of past due rent in an amount required to bring her current, and to provide her with prospective EA/TRA benefits, so long as she remains otherwise eligible for said benefits. Further, I find that this matter has now been rendered moot, and therefore, DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

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

Officially approved final version. December 11, 2024

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

