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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 08079-18 C.C.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C156553015 (OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appealed 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 an extreme hardship extension of those benefits, and that he had failed to comply with his EA service plan ("SP"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On July 19, 2018, the Honorable Judith Lieberman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On August 9, 2018, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination.

However, on August 20, 2018, Petitioner executed a "Withdrawal of Appeal and Fair Hearing Request" form withdrawing his appeal and request for a Fair Hearing, on the basis that he has withdrawn his request for EA, Work First New Jersey/General Assistance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits. In light of the foregoing, I find that Petitioner's appeal is now moot.

Accordingly, Petitioner's appeal is hereby dismissed.

Officially approved final version.

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Natasha Johnson
Director

