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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 01535-19 D.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C076719015 (OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of an extension of EA benefits, and the imposition of a six-month period of ineligibility for EA benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner an extension of EA benefits, and imposed a six-month EA penalty, due to an alleged capacity to plan. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On February 8, 2019, the matter was scheduled for a plenary hearing before the Honorable Judith Lieberman, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ").

Also on February 8, 2019, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reflecting that the matter was resolved by mutual agreement of the parties, that a Stipulation of Settlement had been executed, and that the ALJ approved the settlement. See Exhibit J-1. The settlement was put on the record. See Initial Decision at 1-2.

No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were received.

As the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I have reviewed the ALJ's Initial Decision and the record, and I hereby ADOPT the ALJ's Initial Decision, and AFFIRM the parties' settlement terms as outlined in Exhibit J-1.

Accordingly, the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED, and the parties' settlement terms are AFFIRMED.

Officially approved final version.

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Natasha Johnson
Director

