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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 14312-19 D.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. S621974012 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits, and the imposition of a six-month period of ineligibility for EA benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits, and imposed a six-month EA ineligibility penalty, contending that she violated shelter rules and failed to comply with her EA service plan ("SP"). Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. A hearing was initially scheduled for October 29, 2019, but was adjourned to allow Petitioner to obtain legal counsel. The matter was rescheduled for December 3, 2019, but adjourned and then rescheduled for January 7, 2020, and again adjourned. Finally, on February 4, 2020, the Honorable Jeffrey N. Rabin, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On February 11, 2020, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming in part, and reversing in part, the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its termination of Petitioner's EA benefits. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I find that, as a contested case no longer exists, this matter has now been rendered moot, and as such, I hereby DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

Accordingly, as no contested case exists in this matter, Petitioner's appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

Officially approved final version.

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Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

