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The following Decision is distributed for your information. This Decision has been made in consideration of the specific facts of this case. This Decision is not to be interpreted as establishing any new mandatory policy or procedure otherwise officially promulgated.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 17841-19 F.S.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C399231016 (PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS.)

~~Petitioner appeals from the Respondent Agency's denial of an extension of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits and the termination of EA benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner an extension of EA benefits, and terminated Petitioner's EA benefits, contending that she had exhausted her lifetime limit of EA benefits and did not qualify for an extension of those benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. A hearing was initially scheduled for January 16, 2020, but was adjourned. On February 20, 2020, the Honorable Jude-Anthony Tiscornia, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On February 25, 2020, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming 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

