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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 00032-19 J.J.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C113852011 (MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOC. SVCS..)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's termination of Work First New Jersey/General Assistance ("WFNJ/GA") and Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's WFNJ/GA and EA benefits, contending that he had failed to provide a one year MED-1, and had exhausted his lifetime limit of said benefits. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. A hearing was initially scheduled for January 21, 2020, but was adjourned to permit Petitioner time to obtain a new MED-1 form. On February 18, 2020, the Honorable Kim C. Belin, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On March 10, 2020, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination and remanding the matter to the Agency for further action.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its termination of Petitioner's WFNJ/GA and EA benefits, as Petitioner has now submitted a new MED-1 form. Therefore, as the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the Agency to provide Petitioner with WFNJ/GA and EA 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.

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Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

