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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **05657-25 S.J.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **C823594007 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)**

Petitioner appeals regarding the Respondent Agency's denial of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner EA benefits, contending that she had exhausted her lifetime limit of EA benefits, plus all available extensions. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On June 5, 2025, the Honorable Andrew M. Baron, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents, and the record was closed on that date. On June 6, 2025 the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, reversing the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its position regarding the denial of EA benefits to Petitioner. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby ORDER and DIRECT the Agency to provide Petitioner with the appropriate three months of retroactive EA benefits for April, May and June, 2025. 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. July 09, 2025

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

