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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW **20369-25 N.H.**

AGENCY DKT. NO. **S576345012 (MIDDLESEX COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)**

Petitioner appeals regarding the Respondent Agency's denial of a second hardship extension application for Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency denied Petitioner additional EA benefits, contending that she had exhausted her lifetime limit of EA benefits, plus one available extension, and did not submit an application for a second hardship extension application. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On March 27, 2026, the Honorable Jeffrey N. Rabin, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a telephonic plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents, and the record was closed on that date. On April 6, 2026, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, affirming the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding the denial of EA benefits to Petitioner. Therefore, as Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby 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. June 24, 2026

Natasha Johnson
Assistant Commissioner

