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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

AMENDED DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 18486-15 R.M.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C144811 (BERGEN COUNTY BD. OF SOC. SVCS.)

On December 11, 2015, a Final Agency Decision ("FAD") was issued in this matter. This Amended FAD is being issued for clarification. Due to an administrative error, the FAD sent to Petitioner indicated that the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") reversed the Agency's determination. This Amended FAD contains the correct conclusion pertaining to Petitioner's case, which states that the ALJ affirmed the Agency's determination.

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's termination of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits. The Agency terminated Petitioner's EA benefits contending that he had exhausted his lifetime limit of EA benefit, plus all available extensions. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On November 19, 2015, the Honorable John P. Scollo, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On November 20, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, which affirmed the Agency's determination.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its termination of Petitioner's EA benefits. 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 EA benefits, and, further, I find that this matter has now been rendered moot, and I therefore DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

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Accordingly, Petitioner's appeal now being deemed moot, the matter is hereby DISMISSED.

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