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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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FINAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HPW 14761-15 S.B.

AGENCY DKT. NO. C328773 (ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF WELFARE)

Petitioner appeals from Respondent Agency's denial of an extension of Emergency Assistance ("EA") benefits under the Housing Assistance Program ("HAP") pilot. The Agency denied Petitioner's extension request contending that she had exhausted her lifetime limit and did not meet the requisite criteria for any further extension. Because Petitioner appealed, the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing. On September 28, 2015, the Honorable Michael Antoniewicz, Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), held a plenary hearing, took testimony, and admitted documents. On September 29, 2015, the ALJ issued an Initial Decision, which affirmed the Agency's action.

This office has been advised that the Agency is rescinding its denial, and EA benefits will be extended to Petitioner under HAP. Therefore, as the Director of the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, I hereby find that this matter has now been rendered moot, and I therefore DISMISS Petitioner's appeal.

Should Petitioner not be extended benefits, Petitioner is without prejudice to request another fair hearing.

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

OCT 29 2015

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Natasha Johnson
Director