

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

Division of Administrative Law Appeals

Patricia Coward,  
Petitioner

v.

Docket No. OC-25-0505

Department of Early Education and Care,  
Respondent

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

This is an appeal of a determination by the Department of Early Education and Care finding Joshua Cowrd, a son of Patricia Coward, to be unsuitable as a household member and thus barred him for working in her daycare. EEC counsel has informed me that the Department has reconsidered and will issue a finding of suitability for Joshua Coward that will allow him to return to living in Patricia Coward's home and to act as an assistant in her daycare. Considering this settlement, I dismiss the appeal as moot. 801 CMR 1.01(7)(g)3.

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 14, the parties have thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of the final decision to file an appeal with the Superior Court Department of the Trial Court.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW APPEALS

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