

CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

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- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

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| 1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: | | 5. DATE OF REQUEST: | NEED RESPONSE BY: |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | 7/11/16 | 7/25/16 |
| 2. REQUESTOR NAME: Jonette Moffett | | 6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Lake County Department of Social Services | |
| 3. PHONE NO.: 707-995-4333 | | 7. SUBJECT: IEVS | |
| 4. REGULATION CITE(S): MPP 20-004.1 MPP 20-004.12 MPP 20-006.2 | | 8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). | |

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Can an IEVS report be requested for an individual who is not an applicant or recipient when a fraud referral has been initiated to verify household composition, and the individuals income and resources should be considered in determining eligibility?

Scenario: Father is suspected to be in the home and a referral to SIU has been made to investigate household composition. Household composition has not been verified. An IEVS report was requested for the father prior to the investigation being completed. The father is not currently an applicant or recipient and his household status is still unknown pending the outcome of the investigation.

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

When suspected fraud exists a complete and detailed referral shall be made to SIU when reasonable grounds exist such as the applicant/recipient or third party will not cooperate in providing necessary verification that affects eligibility or benefit amount.

The terms "applicant" and "recipient" shall include all individuals seeking or receiving assistance and any other individuals whose income and resources are considered in determining eligibility and the amount of benefits, if the SSN has been obtained by the CWD

Fraud should investigate the referral, and if they discover the father is in the home, he would then be added to this case. Once added, we would then be able to run IEVS on him. Until then he is not an "applicant" or "recipient" and we cannot request this information.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

The CalFresh Policy Section concurs. Per MPP 20.006.2, for the purpose of IEVS Data Input, "the terms "applicant" and "recipient" shall include all individuals seeking or receiving assistance and any other individuals whose income and resources are considered in determining eligibility and the amount of benefit, if the SSN has been obtained by the CWD." The father mentioned in the above example is not an applicant or recipient. Therefore, an IEVS report should not be requested. If the father is added to the case and an SSN has been obtained by the CWD, the CWD may then request an IEVS report.

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