

# CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

## REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- 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.

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:		7/16/2012	7/20/2012
2. REQUESTOR NAME: Robin Zeno-Jackson		6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: County of Riverside	
3. PHONE NO.: 951 358-4994		7. SUBJECT: NMD's CalFresh Eligibility and Income	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): 63-502.2(q(1)(E))		8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s).  ACL 11-78 and ACL 11-61 page 9	
9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):			

Are Non-Minor dependents in a Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) eligible to CalFresh benefits?

Per MPP 63-502.2 - Independent Living Program (ILP). Income and incentive payments earned by a child 16 years of age or older who is participating in the ILP. Are foster care payments received by a NMD in a SILP considered ILP income and therefore excluded in the CalFresh budget?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:	
1. NMDs living in a SILP are eligible to CalFresh. I would like to review the supporting regulations.  2. MPP 63-502.2 speaking about excluding earned income and incentive payments received by NMD's in a ILP. The foster care payments are counted in the CF budget.	
11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):	

The NMD living in a SILP can apply for CalFresh benefits. Eligibility for CalFresh is made on a case by case basis and considers the household composition, the individual's earned and/or unearned income, including the AFDCFC grant, assets, the amount of rent and utility expenses, student status, and other factors. The fact that the NMD is receiving a foster care payment does not, in and of itself, make the young adult ineligible. Eligibility will be based on the combined income and resources of the young adult and may include the income and resources of other persons living in the SILP who purchase and prepare meals with the NMD. If the NMD is employed, that income will factor into the eligibility decision. Additionally, if the NMD is attending college, eligibility considerations are different. NMDs living in a SILP should be encouraged to apply for CalFresh, as they may be eligible, but should be informed that a variety of factors go into the eligibility determination, so benefits are not guaranteed.

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DATE RECEIVED: 7/17/2012	DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ: 8/22/2012
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