

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. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 01/27/2016	NEED RESPONSE BY: 02/10/2016
2. REQUESTOR NAME: Marie Scriven	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Stanislaus County Community Services Agency	
3. PHONE NO.: (209)525-5378	7. SUBJECT: CF 37 Certification Period	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): MPP Section 63-504.6	8. REFERENCES: <i>(Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references)</i> NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). ACIN I-58-13, ACL 13-08, ACL 13-99 and CF 37	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):
- On the CF 37, the question for "What happens if I forget to turn in this recertification application?" implies that a customer has an additional month to complete the recertification. It reads as follows: "You must turn in this application before your certification period ends to recertify for CalFresh. If it is late, you may have an interruption in your benefits. If you turn in this application more than 30 days past the end of your certification period, you will have to reapply using the full application." This was not part of the restoration of aid waiver. Has there been a change that allows counties to use the restoration of aid waiver for incomplete recertifications?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:
- No, the customer must still complete the recertification the month of the recertification (or within 10 days if requested verifications overlap to the next month). No waiver or ACL found extending past the 12 months for recertification. See page 2 for references.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

The CF 37 can be accepted within the first 30 days following the end of the certification period.
 Per CFR 273.14(e)(3) If a household files an application within 30 days after the end of the certification period, the application shall be considered an application for recertification; however, benefits must be prorated in accordance with §273.10(a). If a CF 37 is not received by the end of the certification period, but received the following month and within 30 days, then county will process the CF37 as a recertification application and prorate benefits.

FOR CDSS USE

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ACIN I-58-13

33. If a CalFresh recertification is due in November and the Medi-Cal redetermination is due in December, would the worker align the CalFresh recertification for 13 months or must they do another recertification in December? Or would the Medi-Cal redetermination be aligned with the CalFresh recertification?

Answer: CalFresh certification periods cannot exceed 12 months other than for elderly/disabled households. Therefore, the CWD should shorten the CalFresh certification period in accordance with the response to Question 31 and recertify the household again in December to align. Medi-Cal has informed CDSS that they do not shorten certification periods under a

ACL 12-25 CF SAR waivers allows for the shortening of certification period and does not allow for lengthening past 12 months.

b. Redeterminations/Recertifications

All existing regulations relevant to CalWORKs redeterminations at MPP Section

40-181.2 and CalFresh recertifications at MPP Section 63-504.6 will continue to apply in the SAR system.

MPP Section 63-504.6

(2) Households making an untimely application for recertification shall not be denied at that time, unless they refuse to cooperate, or the certification period has lapsed and the CWD chooses to make denials at that time.