

## 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:		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:		July 19, 2016	July 29, 2016
2. REQUESTOR NAME: Maria C Contreras		6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: County of San Bernardino	
3. PHONE NO.: 909-383-9704		7. SUBJECT: Student Eligibility - Work Study	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): MPP 63-406,		8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s).  MPP 63-406, ACIN #I-89-15	

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

CalFresh Student exemptions include: Be approved for state or federal work study for the current school term as defined by the institution and anticipate working during the term. ACIN I-89-15, contains the following note under work study: "If a student is approved for state or federally financed work study during a specific school term, anticipates working during the term, and has not refused a work assignment, that student remains eligible for this exemption. Additionally, the fact that no jobs are available does not disqualify the student from receiving the exemption. Many students have to wait for a job opening and sometimes no job becomes available. If the student is approved for work study and a job does not materialize, a student is not penalized." What if there is no funding available? We are receiving letters from local colleges stating the student meets the eligibility requirements for the work study program, however, he/she was not awarded Work Study due to limited funding in the program. Another college states: "Applied for Federal Work Study and would have been approved if funding was available." Do these students meet the work study exemption? Or, is the student be penalized due to no funds?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Yes, in this situation (per the school), the student meets the criteria for being approved state or federal work study. No, the student should not be penalized due to the lack of funding.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

Students who are not awarded work study due to limited funding or who are denied due to a lack of funding do not meet the student exemption. They must officially be approved for work study. Meeting eligibility requirements for work study without being officially approved is not acceptable. ACIN I-89-15 states If they are approved and no job comes available then they can not be penalized. In this case, the student was denied due to lack of funding or limited funding and ACIN I-89-15 does not support the student being exempt for that reason. Being eligible for approval is not the same as being approved.

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