

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 type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 4/6/16	NEED RESPONSE BY: ASAP
2. REQUESTOR NAME:	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Contra Costa County	
3. PHONE NO.:	7. SUBJECT: Veterans Benefits	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): MPP 63-502.14, MPP 63-502.2	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).	
9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY): We have a client in receipt of VA benefits, but the verification she provided states that she "is participating, by physician's prescription, in a treatment program of psychosocial and vocational rehabilitation under the auspices of the Dept of VA" Her participation consists of performing various assignments in the Incentive Therapy Program (IT) and/or Compensate Work Therapy Program (CW), for which he/she receives an amount of money. The CWT/IT programs are established by 38 U.S.C 1718 to provide therapeutic and rehabilitative activities for the rehabilitation of disabled and handicapped veterans. " The CWT Program is a medical benefit, income from the CWT or IT programs are not taxable and compensation from the programs is a VA health care benefit. She will be paid \$10.00 an hour for up to 40 hours a week tax free from 1/12/16 through 7/ 16/16 and will be actively looking for work. This is non-taxable income.		
10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER: Although the verification provided states that it is a medical benefit to the client and is non taxable income, there is nothing I could find in the regulations to say it can be excluded. As such I would use it in the budget as unearned income.		
11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY): Based on 7 CFR 273.9(c), there is no regulatory basis for excluding these payments from countable income . An allowance paid to participants in a training or rehabilitation program shall be considered earned income (7 CFR 273.9(b)(1)(iii)).		

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DATE RECEIVED:

04/06/16

DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:

SV 04/15/2016

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