

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-120-00

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL FOOD STAMP PROGRAM COORDINATORS  
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF EARNINGS FROM CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CalWORKs) COLLEGE WORK STUDY (CWWS) IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (FSP)

REFERENCE: MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) 63-502.137;  
MPP 63-502.2(e); MPP 63-507(a)(6)(A); ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 98-85  
CalWORKs WORK STUDY

This is to advise counties on the treatment of CWWS earnings for food stamp purposes under MPP 63-507(a)(6)(A). This Section states that for financial educational assistance to be excluded as income, the program from which the earnings are derived must be funded in whole or in part under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (Public Law 102-325). Non-Title IV college work-study funds, after allowable exclusions, are counted as earned income per MPP 63-502.137.

As you are aware, ACL 98-85 advised counties that CWWS earnings are funded by the state to provide services including work-study, to CalWORKs recipients who are college students. The CalWORKs Program exempts all earned income from any college work study program, while food stamps excludes any CWWS earnings mixed with Title IV program funds. (All such combined funds meet MPP 63-507(a)(6)(A) criteria of being funded in whole or in part under Title IV of the Higher Education Act.) CWWS earnings that do not include any Title IV funds count as earned income for food stamp purposes less allowed educational expenses (see MPP 63-502.2(e)).

This notice supersedes all prior policy interpretations on the treatment of CWWS earnings for food stamp purposes. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Akhidenor, Food Stamp Bureau, Policy Implementation Unit, at (916) 654-2116.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL DOCUMENT SIGNED BY**

GARY SWANSON, Chief  
Food Stamp Branch