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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 12-74E

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO ALL COUNTY LETTER 12-74
IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY CHANGES REGARDING
CALFRESH EXPEDITED SERVICE

REFERENCE: WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 18914; ASSEMBLY
BILL 1359 (CHAPTER 468, STATUTES OF 2012); MANUAL OF
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SECTIONS 63-300.32, 63-301.51,
63-301.522, 63-301.533, 63-301.544, AND 63-301.545; SECTIONS
273.2(i), 273.2(i)(2), 273.2(i)(4)(iii)(A) AND (B) OF TITLE 7 OF THE
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS; AND ALL COUNTY
LETTERS 10-32 AND 12-74

After receiving additional guidance from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is releasing this letter to correct policy that was transmitted in All County Letter (ACL) 12-74, released on December 24, 2012.

The second paragraph on the first page of ACL 12-74 regarding the waiver that was denied by FNS, and has not yet been approved after being resubmitted, reads:

“Recently, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) submitted a federal waiver to the USDA, FNS requesting the ability to issue CalFresh benefits under ES without conducting an interview if the following conditions are met:”

The sentence indicates that an interview would not need to be conducted to issue benefits under ES. The sentence now reads:

“Recently, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) submitted a federal waiver to USDA FNS, which was denied, requesting the ability to postpone the interview and issue CalFresh benefits under ES if the following conditions are met:”

This information was only provided as background to illustrate what CDSS had requested in the waiver that was denied by FNS. After implementing the change in statute requiring that all applications be screened for ES entitlement, the waiver request has been resubmitted to FNS and CDSS continues to wait for an approval or denial. Until CDSS receives response from FNS, counties are instructed to continue to conduct interviews for all households prior to issuing benefits under ES. Should the waiver be approved, CDSS will release an ACL to provide counties with specific instructions for implementing the waiver.

The last sentence in both bulleted paragraphs on page three, under the heading; Receipt of ES CalFresh Benefits with Postponed Verification reads:

“If the household fails to satisfy postponed verification requirements and does not appear for the interview, the CWD does not need to contact the household again.”

This last sentence comes from the federal regulations and only applies to households given a one or two month certification period under ES. ACL 12-74 transmitted policy guidance for counties to no longer give one or two month certification periods under ES for any households. Therefore, this sentence has been removed from the two paragraphs. The paragraphs now read:

- If the application was submitted on or before the 15th day of the month:

The household shall be issued prorated CalFresh benefits for the month of application only. Satisfaction of the verification requirements may be postponed until the second month of participation. The county will pend the subsequent month’s CalFresh benefits until postponed verifications are completed. If verifications are not completed within 30 days of application the case will be discontinued and the household will need to reapply ~~or restore eligibility~~. Households, who reapply, are not entitled to ES (see ACL 10-32). ~~If the household fails to satisfy postponed verification requirements and does not appear for the interview, the CWD does not need to contact the household again.~~

- If the application was submitted after the 15th day of the month:

The household shall be issued both the prorated CalFresh benefits for the application month and subsequent month at the same time. Satisfaction of the verification requirements may be postponed until the third month of participation, if necessary, to meet the expedited timeframe. When the household has provided the required postponed verification, the CWD shall issue the third month's benefits within five working days from receipt of the verification or by the first working day of the third month, whichever is later. If verifications are not completed within 30 days of application, the case will be discontinued before the third month's benefits are issued and, the household will need to reapply. Households, who reapply ~~or have their eligibility restored~~, are not entitled to ES (see ACL 10-32). For subsequent months, the household must reapply and satisfy the verification requirements which were postponed or be certified under normal processing standards. ~~If the household fails to satisfy postponed verification requirements and does not appear for the interview, the CWD does not need to contact the household again.~~

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your CalFresh county consultant or call the CalFresh Branch at (916) 654-1896.

Sincerely,

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