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:
   - ☑ Policy/Regulation Interpretation
   - ☐ QC
   - ☐ Fair Hearing
   - ☐ Other:

5. DATE OF REQUEST: 11/8/12

NEED RESPONSE BY:

6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Humboldt County

7. SUBJECT: Household Composition

2. REQUESTOR NAME:

3. PHONE NO.:

4. REGULATION CITE(S): 63-402.13

8. REFERENCES: *(Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references)*
NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s).

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

Regulations define a CalFresh household as "a group of individuals who live together and customarily purchase food and/or prepare meals together for home consumption." How broadly should the County interpret the term "living together."

Customer and her two children applied and were granted CalFresh. At interview the customer stated that she shared custody with the father's children. Because the father had not requested CalFresh the case was granted without addressing the percentage of time the children were in the mother's household. During a subsequent SIU investigation the father stated that he had full custody and that the mother was allowed 15 hours per weekend for visiting rights. Father still does not wish to apply for his children but states that he prepares most meals for them.

If mother prepares some meals during the weekend are she and her children preparing meals on a regular basis?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Regulations state that a group of individuals must live together and customarily purchase and prepare. We do not believe that the mother and her two children should be defined as living together based on 15 hours per week of visitation.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE *(CFPB USE ONLY)*:

In itself, the statement from the father is not sufficient in order to take action on the mother's case. However it warrants the county to further investigate the living arrangements.

Per MPP 63-402.13, "A group of individuals who live together and customarily purchase food and/or prepare meals together for home consumption." In a case where the county verifies the head of household has visitation rights (such as in the example of 15 hours a week), the children are not living in the home and therefore cannot be considered to be household members on the mother's case.

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DATE RECEIVED:	DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:
November 8,2012	November 9,2012