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:

2. REQUESTOR NAME:

3. PHONE NO.:

4. REGULATION CITE(S):

5. DATE OF REQUEST: 8/13/14

NEED RESPONSE BY: 8/19/14

6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Mendocino County

7. SUBJECT: MCE Minimum allotment

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

ACL 13-32 pg. 3, note section and ACWDL dated 6/30/14, page 4 "Zero Benefit Cases"
63-503.325 & 63-503.326

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

"For households of three or more members which are entitled to no benefits, FNS allows states the option of denying the application or certifying the household and carrying the zero benefit case. California has opted to deny such cases. This includes household of three or more who are otherwise Categorically Eligible (CE) or MCE."

Question: The above paragraph seems to conflict with ACL 13-32 with regards to minimum issuance. Are we supposed to be working off the ACWDL or ACL 13-32?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

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

Please use the ACWDL for guidance on this program until the upcoming clarifying ACL is released.

CE or MCE households of three or more are the only households that may not have a corresponding amount listed in the benefit of issuance tables. If there is not corresponding amount listed in those tables (for households of 3 or more), the household would be considered a zero benefit case and the household would be denied.

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DATE RECEIVED: Aug 13, 2014

DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ: Aug 15, 2014 JN