CALFRESH REQUEST FOR POLICY INTERPRETATION

PI# 18-07

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. Retain a copy for your records and submit via email to CalFresh-PI@dss.ca.gov.

Please note: the policy interpretation provided is based on the unique set of facts presented and should not be assumed to apply in all scenarios.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO:
   - ☑ Policy/Regulation Interpretation
   - ☐ QC
   - ☐ Other:

2. REQUESTOR NAME:

3. PHONE NO.: EMAIL:

4. REGULATION CITE(S):

5. DATE OF REQUEST: 01/08/2018 NEED RESPONSE BY: 01/15/2018

6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Santa Barbara County

7. SUBJECT: Verification of Student Exemption (CalGrant A or B)

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 17-05

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

I would like clarification on a PI from Merced County regarding verification of student exemption dated 12/21/17. We have a student who is in receipt of CalGrant A who has provided a copy of the student's California Aid Report (CAR) as verification. The CAR does not include information regarding parental and/or student income as stated in ACL 17-05.

The response from the State on the PI states that the counties must verify whether a student meets an exemption criteria before exempting the student from the student work rule and that if documentary evidence isn't available, then self certification is acceptable. In our case, the student has provided documentary evidence, but the evidence doesn't verify parental and/or student income of $50,000 a year or less. Is it necessary for us to obtain a self certification stating that the parent and/or student's income is $50,000 or less?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

In this scenario the student has already provided a copy of the CAR as verification. The CAR verifies that the student is in receipt of CalGrant A. In order to be eligible to CalGrant A, the student must be financially eligible and the student has already provided income verification of their income and parents income in order to be found eligible. So this student is not required to provide a self certification stating that parent and/or student's income is $50,000 or less.

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

Based on the scenario provided, the state concurs with the proposed response.

FOR CDSS USE

DATE RECEIVED:

DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ: JR 3.26.18