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: 8/31/2015
   NEED RESPONSE BY: 9/8/2015

6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: County of Ventura

7. SUBJECT: Roomer Payments

2. REQUESTOR NAME:

3. PHONE NO.:

4. REGULATION CITE(S): MPP 63-502.1.132 (b) ACIN I-03-02

8. REFERENCES: *(Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references)*
   NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s).
   MPP 63-502.1.132 (a)(b) MPP 63-502.14.143, ACIN I-03-02

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

HH declared his rent is $725 per month, and that he rents a room to a relative (who purchase and prepare separately) for $250.

1) Would the $250 be considered roomer's payment (self employment) or shared housing?

Please explain if roomer payment is treated differently when the CF HH is a home owner receiving roomer payment vs CF HH is renting, but acting as landlord. Regulations do not differentiate the treatment of this income based on the CF HH property ownership or the CF HH renting and acting as a landlord, we need clarification.

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

MPP 63-502.132 (b) reads in part, payments from a roomer or boarder, except foster care boarders shall also be considered self-employment.

When a CF HH lives in a rental (tenant acting as a landlord), and they are renting out a room it is considered a shared housing situation, vs a CF HH who owns property and renting out a room should be consider roomer payment (self-employment).

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

The CF household does not own the property and is not making an income (as a landlord) from a rental property. This would be considered shared housing and the CF household claim rental cost of $725 less the $250 roommate contribution as $475 for budget purposes.

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DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ: 09/04/2015 (SV 916-654-1940)