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: 4/15/2013

NEED RESPONSE BY: 4/30/2013

6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Shasta County

7. SUBJECT: Student Provided Room and Board at College Dormitory

2. REQUESTOR NAME:

3. PHONE NO.:

4. REGULATION CITE(S): 63-406.212, 63-402.4

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):

Is an otherwise eligible college student living in the college dormitory and paying for room and board there considered to be living in a commercial boarding house and therefore ineligible for CalFresh? If the college student is eligible, do we allow shelter and utility expenses?

Scenario:
Client is an otherwise eligible college student approved for work study and living and working in the college dormitory. He pays his dormitory fees out of his earnings. The dormitory meal plan he is on provides 14 meals/ per week.

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

A student living in a college dormitory and receiving meals is considered to be living in a commercial boarding house and is therefore ineligible for CalFresh per 63-502.4. Since the student living in the dormitory is ineligible we would not allow shelter and utility expenses.

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

Per MPP 63-402.4 it states that individuals shall be considered a resident of an institution when the institution provides them with the majority of the meals as part of the institution's normal services. Residents of institutions are not eligible for participation in CalFresh. As commercial boarding houses fall under this category, residents of commercial boarding houses are not eligible for participation in CalFresh. Therefore, a student living in a college dormitory and receiving meals is considered to be living in a commercial boarding house and is therefore ineligible for CalFresh per 63-502.4. Since the student living in the dormitory is ineligible we would not allow shelter and utility expenses.

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DATE RECEIVED:

DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ: 5/2013 (JR)