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: 06/22/2015

NEED RESPONSE BY: 06/29/2015

6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: County of Ventura

7. SUBJECT: Voluntary Quit and Reduction of Work Effort Sanction

2. REQUESTOR NAME:

3. PHONE NO.:

4. REGULATION CITE(S): 63-408.21 63-408.61 63-408.63 ACL 03-64

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):

Requesting clarification on how to apply Voluntary Quit sanction at Intake.

Scenario - Client applied on 05/10, she reported work, paid twice a week. Worker sent a request for income verification. Client provided on 05/20 her pay stub indicating she quit her job on 05/18, (no good cause nor meets exemption criteria) First minimum disqualification period is one month. Should county apply sanction 05/10 - 06/10?
Could individual regain eligibility at the end of the disqualification period. Could the applicant re- apply on 06/11/15?

Could example scenarios be added to the Applicant Household section 63-408.21?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

ACL 03-04 page three Section 63-408.61 indicates that if individuals employed 30 hours or more per week voluntarily quit or reduce their work hours to less than 30 hrs a week, may only regain eligibility at the end of a disqualification or denial period. Previously an individual would cure a disqualification period at any time by securing a new job that was comparable in salary to the job quit.
In this scenario the county had not certified benefits yet, and sanction should apply effective the first month in which the individual is determined ineligible 05/10-06/10. The applicant would have to re-established CalFresh eligibility by reapplying.

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

For a single person household, when a voluntary quit or reduction of work effort is discovered prior to approval of the CalFresh application, the period of denial begins on the date of application. For a multiple person household, the period of denial begins upon the determination of eligibility for the remaining household members. Rather than measuring the length of the CalFresh denial using calendar months, benefits shall be denied for 30, 90, or 180 days. This provides a simpler means for determining the length of the CalFresh denial since months vary in their duration and in most instances, the start date of the denial will not be the first of the month. This option was approved by FNS in correspondence with CDSS. Following completion of a CalFresh denial or disqualification for voluntary quit or reduction of work effort, the sanctioned individual may apply and be approved for benefits, if otherwise eligible. If the individual is a member of a multiple person household, he/she is not automatically added back to the existing CalFresh case, but must reapply for benefits. If an application for CalFresh is filed in the final month of the mandatory disqualification period, the County shall (see page 2)

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Section 63-408.6.63 reads in part that if a new application is filed in the final month of the disqualification period, the county shall use that application for both the denial of the remaining disqualification month and for certification of benefits for the subsequent months.
Therefore in this example, the disqualification period is 05/10-06/10. The applicant can re-apply 06/09/15. If the applicant re-applies benefits would be denied for June and approved for July using 06/11 application.

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use the same application for the denial of benefits in the remaining month of disqualification and for certification of benefits for any subsequent months provided all other eligibility criteria are met. An individual is not required to acquire employment as a condition of eligibility.

Example for Single Household:

Client applied on 5/10, she reported work, paid twice a week. Worker sent a request for income verification. Client provided on 5/20 her pay stub indicating she quit her job on 5/18, (no good cause). This is client's first instance of noncompliance with CalFresh work requirements. First minimum disqualification period is 30 days from the date of application. County should apply sanction from 5/10 - 6/08. Client can reapply on 6/09. Benefits would be approved beginning from the application date of 6/09, if otherwise eligible.

Example for Multiple Household:

Applicant household of four (Mom, and three minor children) apply for CalFresh benefits on 5/10, Mom reported work, paid twice a week. Worker sent a request for income verification. Mom provided on 5/20 her pay stub indicating she quit her job on 5/18, (no good cause). Eligibility determination was completed by EW on 5/22. This is Mom's first instance of noncompliance with work requirements. First minimum disqualification period is 30 days from the date of eligibility determination for remaining household members. County should apply sanction from 5/22 - 6/20. Mom can reapply on 6/21. Benefits would be approved from the application date of 6/21, if otherwise eligible.