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:
   - [x] Policy/Regulation Interpretation
   - [ ] QC
   - [ ] Fair Hearing
   - [ ] Other:

5. DATE OF REQUEST: 12/30/13
   NEED RESPONSE BY: 1/30/14

6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Imperial County

7. SUBJECT: CF VUR/ HH comp change.

2. REQUESTOR NAME:

3. PHONE NO.:

4. REGULATION CITE(S): 7 CFR 273.12 a (5) (vi)

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 13-17; ACIN I-58-13

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

Scenario: Mom, Dad, and 2 children are receiving CalWORKs and CalFresh and are in the Jan- Jun SAR payment period. On March 12, Mom calls and reports that Dad left the home on March 3. The worker explains that this is a voluntary report and that discontinuing Dad is optional for CalWORKs. Mom decides to continue receiving aid for Dad until the end of the SAR payment period. For CalFresh, this voluntary report is considered VUR (according to ACL 13-17).

Question: Should Dad discontinue from CalFresh effective March 31? If so, would the actual amount of the CalWORKs grant (which includes Dad) continue to be used?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Answer: According to ACL 13-17, Dad should discontinue March 31, as this report is considered VUR. The actual CalWORKs grant would continue to be used in the CalFresh.

According to 7 CFR 273.12 a (5) (vi)- "...For other changes, the State agency need not act if the household reports a change for another public assistance program in which it is participating and the change does not trigger action in that other program but results in a decrease in the household's food stamp benefits. The State agency must act on all other changes..." CalFresh would follow CalWORKs and discontinue Dad effective June 30. The actual CW grant would continue to be used.

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

The state concurs with the proposed response, according to ACL 13-17 and ACIN I-58-13, the father would be discontinued effective March 31st because the report is considered VUR. The CalWORKs income would continue to be budgeted, unless the CalWORKs grant changes, at which point the new grant amount would be budgeted in the CalFresh allotment.

As clarified in ACL 12-25 E and ACIN I-58-13, 7 CFR 273.12(a)(5)(vi) refers to mandatory reports made to another public assistance program; if the other program does not act on the change then CalFresh will not act on the change.

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DATE RECEIVED:	DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:
1/10/14	1/28/14 Tawny Macedo