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ERRATA

ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 14-56E

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CONSORTIA MANAGERS
ALL QUALITY CONTROL COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: CALFRESH MODIFIED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY

REFERENCE: ACL NO. 14-56 DATED AUGUST 22, 2014; ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER, DATED JUNE 30, 2014; SENATE BILL (SB) 855 (CHAPTER 29, STATUTES OF 2014); ACL NO. 13-108 DATED DECEMBER 31, 2013; ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) NO. I-52-13 DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2013; ACL NO. 13-32 DATED APRIL 24, 2013; ACL NO. 12-62E DATED JUNE 28, 2013; ACL NO. 12-62 DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2012; ACL NO. 11-11 DATED JANUARY 27, 2011; ACL NO. 09-24 DATED MAY 27, 2009

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

The purpose of this erratum is to make a correction to ACL No. 14-56. This erratum shows the prior and the corrected language for the impacted paragraph only, and should be read in conjunction with ACL No. 14-56.

Page two, under "Implementation" reads:

All counties must immediately implement a 200 percent FPL gross income level for MCE for all NACF households. Until automation is programmed, this must be done manually. For any case pending as of July 1, 2014, if automation indicates ineligibility for a non-aged/disabled CalFresh applicant household because of the 130 percent FPL gross income limit, the county must pull the case and manually verify whether eligibility under MCE status exists because of gross income at or under 200 percent FPL. *Additionally, counties must check any applications that were denied for exceeding gross income since July 1, 2014, as well as applications denied in June where the 30 day processing would have gone into July. Corrective action must be taken on any cases that would have been eligible under the MCE 200 percent FPL gross income test.*

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Page three, under “Ineligibility for MCE,” the bullets stating those households that are not CE, and are subject to all CalFresh eligibility requirements read:

- Any household member who is disqualified for an intentional program violation (IPV).
- The head of household does not comply with work requirements.
- Any member of a household who has been convicted of a drug-related felony (refer to MPP Section 63-402.229). [Note: With the passage of AB 1468 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2014) which removes the drug felon ban in California effective April 1, 2015, this may no longer apply. CDSS will address this issue in subsequent guidance.]

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Note: General Assistance (GA) CE households are subject to the limitations as stated in Manual of Policy and Procedures (MPP) Section 63-301.824.

Page five, under “Income Reporting Thresholds (ITRs),” table of IRTs for various household types reads:

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|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Household Type | NACF CalFresh No Ineligible or Excluded Household Member | NACF CalFresh Sanctioned Individual* Not Categorically Eligible | Public Assistance CalFresh (PACF) All members are PACF Receiving CalFresh | Mixed Household Some members receive PACF All members receive CalFresh |
| IRT Level | 200% | 130% | CalWORKs IRT | 2 IRTs (one for CalWORKs; one for CalFresh) |

The revised language in the table reads:

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| Household Type | Non Assistance CalFresh (NACF) | Non Assistance CalFresh (NACF) | NACF CalFresh Sanctioned Individual* Non-MCE | Public Assistance CalFresh (PACF) | Mixed Household | Mixed Household |
| | Income at or below 130% | Income between 131% and at or below 200% | | All members are receiving CalWORKs and CalFresh | Some members receive CalWORKs All members receive CalFresh Income at or below 130% | Some members receive CalWORKs All members receive CalFresh Income at between 131% and at or below 200% |
| CalFresh IRT Level | 130% | No IRT | 130% | CalWORKs IRT | 130% | No IRT |

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your CalFresh county consultant or call the CalFresh Policy Bureau at (916) 654-1896.

Sincerely,

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