
Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) in CalWORKs and Food Stamps

Reference: Sheyko v. Saenz

In Sheyko, the California Superior Court issued a writ of mandate dated August 10, 2001 that ordered the CDSS to do the following in pertinent part:

“ Refrain from denying or terminating benefits for a CalWORKs or food stamp applicant or recipient who fails to comply with the SFIS requirements as opposed to refuses to comply with these requirements.

“ Refrain from requiring compliance with SFIS requirements by parents and caretaker relatives who are not themselves recipients of but were applicants on or before July 21, 1996, for AFDC and/or food stamps for children with continuing eligibility who are currently receiving benefits.

“ Refrain from requiring that parents and caretaker relatives who are not applying for or receiving either CalWORKs and/or food stamps for themselves be finger imaged and photo imaged as a condition of eligibility for benefits for other family members when another parent or caretaker relative in the family is applying for or receiving CalWORKs and/or food stamps for themselves and has been finger imaged and photo imaged.

The CDSS will appeal this last provision.

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ACIN I-67-01 - -August 10, 2001 (Synopsis): California Food Assistance Program (CFAP)

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Reference: AB 429; ACLs 98-66, 98-76, 99-78; ACIN I-53-99, ACIN I-80-00

ACL 99-78 advised that the CFAP program provided for state-funded food stamps benefits for several categories of legal non-citizens who were not eligible for federally funded food stamps benefits. The categories of non-citizens who are not eligible for federally funded food stamps include both certain non-citizens who legally entered the United States before August 22, 1996 and sponsored non-citizens who entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996, but have a dead, disabled or abusive sponsor (see MPP § 63-403 for those who qualify for CFAP).

The CFAP program was initially a time-limited program that was set to expire on September 30, 2001. AB 429 extended the CFAP program indefinitely.

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ACIN I-66-01 August 6, 2001 (Synopsis): California Veteran's Cash Benefit (CVCB) Program

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Reference: Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) §12400, AB 1278

AB 1278 added a provision under which certain Filipino World War II veterans could become eligible for state-funded benefits if they returned to the Philippines to live. Although the CVCB program is state-funded, it will be administered by the Social Security Administration in conjunction with the federal Special Veterans Benefit (SVB) program.

Counties are instructed to refer any person inquiring about this program to the local Social Security Administration office. Since the federal government administers this program, there is no right to a state hearing in this program.

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ACIN I-54-01 - July 10, 2001 (Synopsis): Assisting Non-citizens in Obtaining Social Security Numbers

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When a non-citizen applies for CalWORKs benefits, he/she must obtain a Social Security number in order to receive aid. When a non-citizen CalWORKs applicant needs to obtain a non-work Social Security number, the county must write a letter to the Social Security Administration on the applicant's behalf. The letter must be on county letterhead and must provide all pertinent information identifying the applicant.

A copy of a sample letter is attached to this ACIN.

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