
This ACIN provides questions and answers on topics such as the Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) work requirement exemption, overissuance requirements, and food stamp sanctions.

Answers to some of the questions in this ACIN are as follows:

" A statement from a chiropractor may verify the exemption from work registration for a person who is unfit for employment (MPP §63-407.21(b)).

" In a two-parent CalWORKs assistance unit, both parents may be sanctioned for failing to meet WTW participation requirements. Per MPP §§63-407.54 and .542, a food stamp sanction is also imposed on both parents unless one qualifies for a work exemption listed at MPP §63-407.21. One of the exemptions is to provide care for a dependent child under age six (MPP §63-407.21(d)). Only one parent may qualify for this exemption regardless of the number of children in the household.

" If an individual can verify that he/she has a physical or mental condition that is expected to last at least 30 days, he/she meets the work registration exemption listed at MPP §63-407.21(b). If the person becomes physically unfit in the middle of November and the unfitness continues through the middle of December, he/she would be exempt from work registration in both months.

" Voluntary job quit requirements at MPP §63-408 apply to an individual who causes himself to be fired because of misconduct. The employment must involve at least 20 hours a week of work or provide weekly earnings equal to the federal minimum wage multiplied by 20 hours.

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ACL 02-70 September 20, 2002 (Synopsis): CalWORKs 60-Month Time Limit Notices of Action

Reference: Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) § 11454; ACLs 99-90, 03-01, and 02-33; ACIN I-47-02

There are 60-month time limit regulations currently undergoing modifications that should be issued shortly. One of those modifications requires counties to issue at least one time-on-aid notice of action in addition to the notice of action that advises the CalWORKs recipient that time-on-aid has expired at the end of the 60th month. Counties that chose to issue an informing notice in the 54th month of aid rather than a notice of action as permitted by ACIN I-47-02, must take all necessary steps to provide a notice of action to each recipient in one month during the 54th to 58th month on aid.

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ACL 02-67 September 3, 2002 (Synopsis): Changes in the Food Stamp Program Effective October 1, 2002
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Reference: All County Information Notice I-56-02; Public Law 107-171

There are several changes to the food stamp program resulting from the Food Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-171). Among those changes that become effective October 1, 2002 are the following:

- .. Legal noncitizens who are disabled are entitled to federal benefits, including food stamps regardless of the date of entry into the United States. The definition of disability for those who entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996 requires the person to receive disability benefits rather than to establish disability by providing a physician's statement.
- .. The food stamp resource limit for households with a disabled member is raised from \$2000 to \$3000 to match that for households with an elderly member.
- .. As referenced in ACL 02-62, the standard deduction for a household with five members is increased from \$134 to \$147. The standard deduction for a household with six or more persons is increased to \$168.

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Item 02-10-01F ACL 02-64 August 29, 2002 (Synopsis): Modifications to Learning Disabilities Screening Protocols
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Reference: ACL 01-70

There are modifications to the protocols on screening for learning disabilities contained in ACL 01-70. The modifications are as follows:

- .. Counties are required to offer learning disabilities screening to CalWORKs WTW individuals who were not previously offered a screening whenever certain events occur that indicate an individual may have a learning disability. The offer of a screening must be orally and in writing.

Events indicating a learning disability include, but are not limited to circumstances where a WTW contractor, a county WTW worker or the participant identify a learning disability; the individual is in a good cause, compliance or sanction process; or the individual is not making satisfactory process in his/her WTW activity.

- .. Counties will be required to present some information about the availability of a screening at the first WTW contact (i.e., appraisal or orientation)