
Since 1997

This ACIN provides two attachments summarizing food stamp policy changes since 1997. Attachment 1 lists and summarizes food stamp policy changes for ACLs issued between 1997 and 2002. Attachment 2 lists and summarizes food stamp policy changes for ACINs issued between 1997 and 2002.

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ACIN I-16-03 April 1, 2003 (Synopsis): Food Stamp Questions and Answers

This ACIN provides answers to food stamp questions on budgeting, income definitions and non-citizens with a disability. The answers to two of those questions are as follows:

The income of an ineligible non-citizen living in the home of a food stamp household is prorated among household members including excluded household members. All but the prorated share of the excluded household members' income is counted as income to the eligible household members in accordance with MPP §63-503.442(b). This amount is added to income of the eligible food stamp household members to determine if the household income meets the gross income test.

An IHSS provider is not self-employed. The employer is the IHSS recipient. Income is considered earned income per MPP §63-502.131.

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ACIN I-15-03 March 28, 2003 (Synopsis): CalWORKs Interview Requirements

Reference: MPP §§40-101, 40-105.1, 40-107.1, 40-131.2, 40-161, 40-181.31

This ACIN provides answers to questions regarding face-to-face interview requirements.

Both parents in a two-parent assistance unit must attend a face-to-face interview when they first apply for CalWORKs. If a stepparent is included in the assistance unit, that stepparent must also attend a face-to-face interview.

For redeterminations, there must be an interview with the parent or person responsible for care and control of the child, but that interview need not be a face-to-face interview. This interview may be conducted as a home visit.

While both parents must attend a face-to-face interview prior to aid approval, they may attend separate interviews instead of the same interview. Children are not required to

attend a face-to-face interview. Counties may however schedule a home visit if this is necessary to "clarify inconsistent information regarding children in the home".

While there is an option in the food stamp program for an applicant to waive the face-to-face interview, there is no such option in CalWORKs. Per MPP §40-131, a face-to-face interview is required prior to granting aid.

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ACIN I-08-03 February 4, 2003 (Synopsis): New Form for Withdrawal of Applications

This ACIN introduces a CW89 Application Withdrawal Request form. This new form was developed for applicants who wish to withdraw an application for CalWORKs, food stamps or Medi-Cal.

This CW89 is a recommended form. It includes language that the applicant may reapply at any time and that by withdrawing an application, the applicant will have no appeal rights.

The ACIN advises counties that if they choose to develop their own withdrawal of application form, such form should make sure that the form uses language that clearly states that the applicant will not be able to file for a hearing and that the applicant may reapply at any time.

When an applicant asks to withdraw an aid application, counties may ask applicants to sign the CW89 form or other withdrawal form, but the applicant is not required to do so.

While this ACIN states that when an applicant signs the withdrawal form, he/she gives up appeal rights, an applicant who signs the CW89 or other withdrawal form may request a state hearing if he/she contends that the withdrawal was not voluntary or not in accord with regulations. MPP §40-171.23 addresses withdrawals in CalWORKs, MPP §63-300.36 addresses withdrawals in food stamps, and Title 22, CCR §50155 refers to withdrawals in Medi-Cal.

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ACL 03-08 February 11, 2003 (Synopsis): Food Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2002

Reference: Public Law 107-171; ACL 02-67