

August 14, 2018

ERRATA

ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 17-125E

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALIST
ALL CALFRESH SPECIALISTS
ALL REFUGEE COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY
TO KIDS (CalWORKs): IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL (SB)
570 (CHAPTER 463, STATUTES OF 2017)

REFERENCES: [SB 570 \(CHAPTER 463 STATUTES OF 2017\); WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(W&IC\) SECTIONS 11250.8, W&IC §11250.9, W&IC §11451.5; 7 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS \(CFR\) 273.9\(c\)\(3\)\(ii\); ACL NO. 17-125; MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES \(MPP\) SECTION 44-111.23, MPP §44-111.43, MPP §42-201 and MPP §63-301.72](#)

The purpose of this erratum to ACL No. 17-125, dated December 29, 2017, is to provide revised language on the treatment of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and other related allowances due to the implementation of SB 570 as it relates to CalFresh. Per SB 570, VA benefits and other related allowances for education, training, vocation or rehabilitation are considered exempt for the purposes of determining CalWORKs eligibility. SB 570 does not change current CalFresh policy with regards to these benefits.

On page two under the “New Rule” section, paragraph three currently states:

While SB 570 only makes changes to CalWORKs, due to current policy which requires all eligible CalWORKs households to be considered categorically eligible (CE) for CalFresh (pursuant to MPP Section 63-301.72), these payments will also be exempt as income when determining CalFresh eligibility. As a reminder, eligibility factors accepted

for CalFresh eligibility without verification for CE households are as follows: resources, income, social security number information, sponsored noncitizen information and residency. For CalFresh only households, CalFresh eligibility rules still apply and are not impacted by SB 570.

The above language is revised to read:

Under current CalFresh policy, CalWORKs households are considered categorically eligible (CE) for CalFresh (pursuant to MPP Section 63-301.72). Categorical eligibility means that certain preliminary CalFresh eligibility factors do not apply to the household because they have already been determined by the program that made the household categorically eligible. Remaining nonfinancial and financial eligibility factors must be explored. For households in which all members receive CalWORKs, this may include eligibility factors required by CalFresh that are not verified by CalWORKs.

Regardless of the changes to CalWORKs under SB 570, under CalFresh regulations at MPP Section 63-502.142 and 63-502.2(e), VA benefits and other related allowances must be included as unearned income. The CalFresh rules for education assistance did not change. Educational assistance listed under federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program regulation at 7 CFR 273.9(c)(3)(ii) shall be excluded for the purpose of determining CalFresh eligibility.

If you have any questions regarding this errata, please contact the CalFresh Policy Bureau at (916) 651-8047.

Sincerely,

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