

## CalFresh Modified Categorical Eligibility (MCE) Fact Sheet

- Effective July 1, 2014, all households with gross income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) must be conferred MCE status if they are issued or have online access to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)-funded “Family Planning – PUB 275” brochure and meet all other conditions of eligibility for CalFresh.
- The households listed below cannot be given MCE status and are subject to all CalFresh eligibility requirements (including the gross income limit of 130 percent of FPL):
  - 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 will no longer apply.]
- A household may be conferred MCE status once it is determined that the sanction period has expired and the household meets all other conditions of MCE eligibility.
- Receipt of the PUB 275 exempts all resources in the determination of eligibility for households who meet all other CalFresh eligibility requirements.
- A household of one or two that has been conferred MCE status will be entitled to the minimum CalFresh benefit.
- See 2015 CalFresh Income Insert for the most recent income eligibility information.
- All households must be evaluated for MCE at intake and recertification.