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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

June 27, 2012

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-36-12

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL QUALITY CONTROL COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

REFERENCE: MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (M.P.P.) SECTIONS 63-406.1, 63-406.22, and 63-503.1, ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) I-45-11.

The purpose of this All County Information Notice (ACIN) is to clarify the eligibility status of an applicant (aged 18-49) who informs the County Welfare Department (CWD) that they do not intend to continue their enrollment at least half-time at an institution of higher education (per M.P.P. 63-406.11).

M.P.P. 63-406.22 indicates that once a student enrolls in an institution of higher education, such enrollment shall be deemed to continue through normal periods of class attendance, including vacation and recess, unless the student graduates, is suspended or expelled, or drops out. This regulation should not be interpreted to authorize CWDs to continue the practice of classifying individuals as ineligible for CalFresh who otherwise inform the CWD that they do not intend to enroll in school for a future term. Pursuant to M.P.P. 63-503.11, a household's eligibility for the month of application is to be determined by considering the household's circumstances as of the date of the interview.

Therefore, regardless of having been continually attending school prior to the application and interview, if an applicant specifically states that they do not intend to register for an upcoming term at least half-time in an institution of higher education, CWDs may not assume that the student will in fact be attending school and determine them to be ineligible (refer to verification requirements as stated in ACIN I-45-11). If, at a later date, the recipient reports that they have in fact enrolled in an institution of higher education at least half-time, the provisions and conditions of M.P.P. 63-406.1 would be applied at that time.

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If you have any questions, please contact your county consultant or the CalFresh Policy Bureau at (916) 654-1896.

Sincerely,

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