

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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**ERRATA**

December 9, 2002

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: ERRATA TO ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN)
NO. I-46-02

REFERENCE: ACIN NO. I-46-02, DATED JUNE 28, 2002, FOOD STAMP WORK
REQUIREMENT AND SANCTION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

This is to revise a policy transmitted via ACIN I-46-02, dated June 28, 2002, regarding the application of voluntary quit sanction rules for non-assistance food stamp recipients who are fired from a job. The response to question 8 of ACIN I-46-02 states that voluntary quit requirements apply when an individual loses a job of 20 hours or more per week because he or she abandoned it or caused the firing to occur because of employee misconduct or late appearances.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has informed the California Department of Social Services that voluntary quit sanction requirements do not apply to a person who is fired from a job. FNS identified one exception to this policy. If the County Welfare Department (CWD) can demonstrate that an individual deliberately caused himself to be fired in order to increase the household's food stamp allotment due to less income, then a voluntary quit sanction can be imposed. Only persons who intentionally quit a job without good cause are subject to voluntary quit sanctions. Please make a note of this correction. Attached is a revision to question 8 of ACIN I-46-02 which reflects current policy.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Nevins at (916) 654-1408 or via email at: robert.nevins@dss.ca.gov.

Attachment

Revision to Question 8 of ACIN I-46-02

Question 8:

Is an individual considered to have voluntarily quit employment if he/she is fired due to his/her misconduct or late appearances?

Answer:

No. Voluntary quit requirements at Manual of Policies and Procedures Section 63-408 do not apply to an individual who is fired because of misconduct or late appearances. There is one exception to this policy. If the CWD can demonstrate that an individual deliberately caused himself to be fired in order to increase the household's food stamp allotment due to less income, then a voluntary quit sanction can be imposed.