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CalFresh Program Guide**

Restoration of CalFresh Eligibility Waiver

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Background:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approved the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) request for a waiver to restore eligibility to discontinued Non-Assistance CalFresh (NACF) households within the month following discontinuance, without requiring a new application or an interview.

Implementation date: October 1, 2010-Letter [#552](#)

Policy:

63-306.1 General Policy:

If a Non-Assistant CalFresh (NACF) household is discontinued during their certification period, they can have their eligibility restored without submitting a new application. The household must provide the requested information/verification in the month following the month of the discontinuance of their benefits.

If the household files an application for CalFresh either online, at the office, or by mail when the case has closed the previous month, good cause and restoration should be reviewed and explained to the household before any action is taken.

Note: The household has the option to file a new application instead of having their eligibility restored.

63-306.2 Certification:

NACF households that have had their eligibility restored under the waiver will not begin a new certification period. Restored households:

1. Will be reinstated for the remaining months of their previous certification period;
2. Are considered continuing cases:
 - a. They will not be interviewed, or required to submit a new application;
 - b. Are not entitled to Expedited Services
 - c. The SAR cycle will not change.

63-306.3 Households not Eligible for Restoration:

The following households are not eligible for Restoration of Eligibility and must reapply for CalFresh:

1. Households that did not complete the recertification
2. Households returning to the County after moving away and being discontinued
3. Disqualified households (IPV, voluntary quitting a job without good cause, etc.)

The waiver also does not apply to Transitional CalFresh (TCF) households.

63-306.4 SAR 7 Related Discontinuances:

CalFresh cases discontinued for failure to submit a complete SAR 7 by the extended filing date may have their benefits Restored at any time in the month following the discontinuance if the reason for the discontinuance is resolved and they were otherwise eligible. ([See below](#))

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63-306.5 Households leaving CalWORKs/PACF:

For CalWORKs/PACF households who do not submit a complete SAR 7 by the extended filing date refer to [63-321](#)

Procedure:

Benefits:

Issue prorated benefits effective the date the household provides ALL the required information and verification in the month following the month of discontinuance. This is the date ALL the missing information and verification is received either at the Document Processing Center (DPC) or at a Family Resource Center (FRC). Issue benefits as soon as administratively possible.

Erroneous Discontinuances:

If during the restoration process you determine that a household has been erroneously discontinued, rescind the discontinuance and reestablish eligibility and benefits as specified in [63-456.4](#).

SAR 7 Related Discontinuances:

When the household submits a complete SAR 7 the month immediately after discontinuance, determine eligibility and allotment based on the information pertaining to the SAR data month.

Do not restore eligibility when a SAR household is determined ineligible after submitting the missing information and/or verification the month after a discontinuance. In this case, the original discontinuance remains in effect.

When a household voluntarily provides updated or additional information during the restoration process from what has been reported on the SAR 7 for the SAR Data Month, treat this information as a voluntary mid-period report and apply SAR regulations according to [63-283](#). Take action only on those voluntary mid-quarter reports that are considered verified upon receipt (VUR) or result in an increase in benefits.

Good Cause Determinations:

All SAR households that have been discontinued for failure to provide or failing to submit a timely or a complete SAR 7 must first be evaluated for Good Cause (63-274.6, 7). If the household does not meet good cause criteria, evaluate for Restoration of Eligibility.

The household does not need to request evaluation of either good cause or Restoration. Always explore either possibility and provide information to the household.

Notice of Action:

Restoring CalFresh benefits is considered a positive action. Timely notice is not required to decrease benefits when you Restore benefits. Depending on the action, an Approval of Restoration or Denial of Restoration must be sent to the household.

Other Program Impacts:

For CalWORKs restoration regulations refer to [CPG 40-125](#)

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[All County Letter 10-32](#)

[All County Letter 12-35](#)

[All County Information Notice No. I-50-12](#)

[All County Letter 13-88](#)

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Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance on or by 8/31/2018

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