

CalWORKs Program Guide Letter No. 312

Subject EXTENDED CALWORKS FOR NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS (NMDs) -
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS, PART 2

Reference All County Letter (ACL) 13-82

Effective Date Upon Receipt

Purpose To issue State responses to additional County questions regarding CalWORKs eligibility for Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs).

Background The Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program was implemented effective January 1, 2012, as required by Assembly Bill (AB) 12. Under EFC, eligible foster youth (NMDs) may receive Foster Care or CalWORKs until age 21.

Following the implementation of EFC, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) offered counties the opportunity to submit questions regarding CalWORKs eligibility for NMDs. State responses to initial questions (Part 1) were issued via [CalWORKs Program Guide \(CPG\) Letter No. 300](#).

With the subsequent passage of AB 1712 and Senate Bill (SB) 1013, CDSS continued to accept questions from counties regarding extended CalWORKs for NMDs.

Summary of Updates The following updates have been made to the online CPG:

CPG Section	Updates
45-000.A	Added 17 questions and answers to the existing CalWORKs Non-Minor Dependent Q&A section.
40-100.T	Updated information and added hyperlinks to reference the new Q&As.

Changes to the CPG are noted with **highlighted text**.

Automation Impact

No impact.

Program Impact

CALFRESH PROGRAM

The NMD, like other foster youth who reside with a caretaker relative, is considered a **boarder** and may only participate in CalFresh as part of the caretaker relative's CalFresh household, per [CFPG 63-101.7](#).

NMDs who live in a Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) may apply and be eligible to receive CalFresh. Eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis considering the household composition, the individual's earned and/or unearned income including the AFDC-FC grant, the amount of rent and utility expenses, student status, and other factors.

MEDI-CAL PROGRAM

NMDs who receive extended CalWORKs are eligible to receive Medi-Cal under the **4N aid code**. See [MPG 05.11.02](#).

OTHER PROGRAMS

There is no impact to other programs.

Document Capture and Forms Impact

No impact.

Quality Control (QC) Impact

QC will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this material.

Director Approval



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