

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
CalFresh Program Guide**

California Food Assistance Program (CFAP)

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Background:

The State of California provides state funded CalFresh benefits through the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP). The CFAP program provides CalFresh benefits for qualified noncitizens who are not eligible for regular CalFresh benefits (federal benefits) because of their immigration status. CFAP is issued in the same method as regular CalFresh.

Purpose:

This section details the regulations for CFAP benefits. This section is being revised to the new format, there are no changes due to state legislation.

Policy:

To be eligible to CFAP, noncitizens must be qualified noncitizens as defined in 63-154.2, ineligible for federal CalFresh benefits because of immigration status, and must meet all eligibility requirements. Victims of abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking, other serious crimes, and certain sponsored non-citizens are eligible to CFAP. Refer to 63-155 for regulations on victims of abuse, human trafficking, and other serious crimes. Refer to 63-157 for regulations about sponsored non-citizens CFAP eligibility and deeming rules.

1. Employment and Training (E&T):

Victims of human trafficking, domestic violence or other serious crimes are exempt from the E&T work registration requirements, Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) work requirements, and/or penalties for voluntary quit or reduction of hours. All other CFAP customers are not exempt from work registration and must be registered for the E&T program. Refer to 63-901 for regulations on E&T work registration.

2. ABAWD 36-month calendar

When a CFAP customer begins receiving regular CalFresh benefits (federal benefits) during the 36-month period, ABAWD status will be reassessed and a new calendar will be created separate from CFAP tracking. The customer will be eligible to three countable months, regardless of whether they already received their 3 months as a CFAP recipient.

Other Program Impacts

None

References:

MPP 63-403, ACL 19-93
MPP 63-411, MPP 63-410

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 09/30/2023

Approval for Release:



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