

SUMMARY

Based on the agreement of the parties, it is hereby ordered that Los Angeles County stipulated to rescind the discontinuance of the Claimant's CalFresh household benefits effective December 31, 2024, re-evaluate her CalFresh household eligibility effective January 1, 2025, afford the Claimant the opportunity to provide the income verification from May 2024 to August 2024 from her employment with OPHC LLC, and aid as otherwise eligible. Los Angeles County will notify the Claimant of the results in writing.

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FACTS

By a Notice of Action dated December 16, 2024, Los Angeles County (the County) notified the Claimant her CalFresh would stop effective December 31, 2024.

On January 6, 2025, the Claimant filed a hearing request to dispute the discontinuance.

The Claimant and a County Appeals Specialist (Appeals Specialist) participated in a state hearing by telephone on February 28, 2025. At the state hearing, the Claimant's hearing request (Appeals Case Management System (ACMS) generated Hearing Summary) and the County's Statement of Position with attachments were received into evidence.

The dispute was whether the County correctly discontinued the Claimant's CalFresh benefits effective December 31, 2024.

The following is based on oral testimony and documentary evidence.

The CalFresh household included the Claimant and her two minor children. It was assigned to Semi-Annual Reporting (SAR) Cycle 3 with data months of July and January and submit months of August and February.

The County received an Income Eligibility Verification System/Integrated Fraud Detection (IEVS/IFD) report for the second quarter of 2024, which showed that the Claimant received earned income and was employed by SFSR and OPHC. Upon receipt of this IEVS/IFD report, the County requested pay stubs from the Claimant from April 2024 through June 2024, but the Claimant did not respond.

Because the Claimant did not submit pay stubs, the County requested information from the employer via GEN 202. The County did not receive income verification from the OPHC.

On December 16, 2024, the County sent a Notice of Action notifying the Claimant that her CalFresh case would stop because she failed to report income for the second quarter of 2024.

During prehearing contact, the reason for the discontinuance was explained. In response, the Claimant agreed to get a letter from OPHC stating that she had not received income.

The Appeals Specialist reported that the County received a letter from OPHC stating the length of the Claimant's employment, but no pay stubs were submitted.

Thus, the County stipulates to rescind the discontinuance of the Claimant's CalFresh household benefits effective December 31, 2024, re-evaluate her CalFresh household eligibility effective January 1, 2025, afford the Claimant the opportunity to provide the income verification from May 2024 to August 2024 from her employment with OPHC LLC, and aid as otherwise eligible. The County will notify the Claimant of the results in writing.

The Claimant agreed to the County's stipulation. However, she repeated several times she uploaded the pay stubs from OPHC.

In response to the Claimant's statement, the Appeals Specialist explained other methods the Claimant could use to send the information. She also informed the Claimant that she would receive a letter from the County regarding the various ways to submit the requested information.

LAW

All the regulations cited refer to the California Department of Social Services' Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP), unless otherwise noted.

CalFresh is the new name for the program formerly known as the Food Stamps Program. (All County Letter No. 10-55, November 23, 2010)

The county representative shall have authority at the state hearing to make binding agreements and stipulations on behalf of the County Welfare Department. (California Department of Social Services' Manual of Policies and Procedures, §22-073.37.)

CONCLUSION

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The Claimant agreed to this stipulation. The stipulation is, therefore, binding and enforceable.

ORDER

The claim is granted by stipulation.

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