

SUMMARY

San Diego County shall abide by its stipulation to provide remedies to the claimant in the CalFresh Program as set forth below. [296-4]

FACTS

On February 21, 2020, San Diego County (County) issued a notice of action to claimant stating that claimant's CalFresh benefits had been reduced from \$175.00 to \$0.00 effective April 1, 2020 due to changes in shelter costs.

On March 19, 2020, claimant requested a stated hearing.

On May 28, 2020, claimant and county appeals representative for San Diego County attended a phone hearing.

At hearing, the County offered a stipulation to reevaluate claimant's CalFresh benefits effective April 1, 2020 using updated shelter costs and to allow claimant to submit verification of medical expenses. The County stated the verbal attestation of shelter costs was adequate, however, claimant will be required to submit verification of medical expenses. The County clarified these medical expenses can be current receipts. The County will send out a request of verification and also issue a new Notice of Action regarding the outcome of the reevaluation. The claimant agreed to the stipulation. The claimant currently has aid paid pending.

LAW

Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 22-023.35 provides that the county representative shall have authority at the hearing to make binding agreements and stipulations on behalf of the County Welfare Department.

State hearings under the CalFresh Program shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Division 22. (MPP Section 63-804.1)

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Based on the stipulation of the parties, it is hereby ordered that San Diego County shall rescind the CalFresh reduction of benefits from \$175.00 to \$0.00 effective April 1, 2020 and reevaluate as follows:

The claim is granted.

San Diego County shall abide by its stipulation to reevaluate claimant's CalFresh benefits effective April 1, 2020 by using the correct shelter expenses based on claimant's verbal attestation and allowing claimant to provide verifications for medical expenses in order to reevaluate the CalFresh allotment.