

CalFresh Expansion to SSI Recipients

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Kings County
Human Services Agency**



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Background

Assembly Bill 1811, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 Human Services Omnibus Trailer Bill, reverses the CalFresh eligibility policy known as “cash-out” under which Supplemental Security Income (SSI) / State Supplemental Payment (SSP) recipients are ineligible for CalFresh. On **June 1, 2019**, individuals receiving or authorized to receive SSI/SSP are eligible for CalFresh, provided all other eligibility criteria are met. The bill also augments the grant amount for the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI).

AB 1811 creates two new programs for ongoing CalFresh households with previously excluded SSI/SSP recipients:

- * Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) Program
- * Transitional Nutrition Benefit (TNB) Program

Two Types of Households: *Newly Eligible and Ongoing*

Starting on **June 1, 2019**, counties will determine CalFresh eligibility for newly eligible households and ongoing households with active CalFresh benefits.

- A **newly eligible household** is defined as a household in which includes an SSI/SSP recipient(s). Determination of eligibility will be based on revised CalFresh rules.
- An **ongoing household** is defined as an ongoing CalFresh household that includes a mix of included members and at least one excluded member who is an SSI/SSP recipient. At their annual review or if they voluntarily request for the SSI/SSP recipient to be added to the CalFresh assistance unit.

Overview of AB 1811

Supplemental Nutritional Benefit Program (SNB)

Establishes a supplemental benefit program for existing households who experience a benefit reduction due to the policy change.

Transitional Nutritional Benefit Program (TNB)

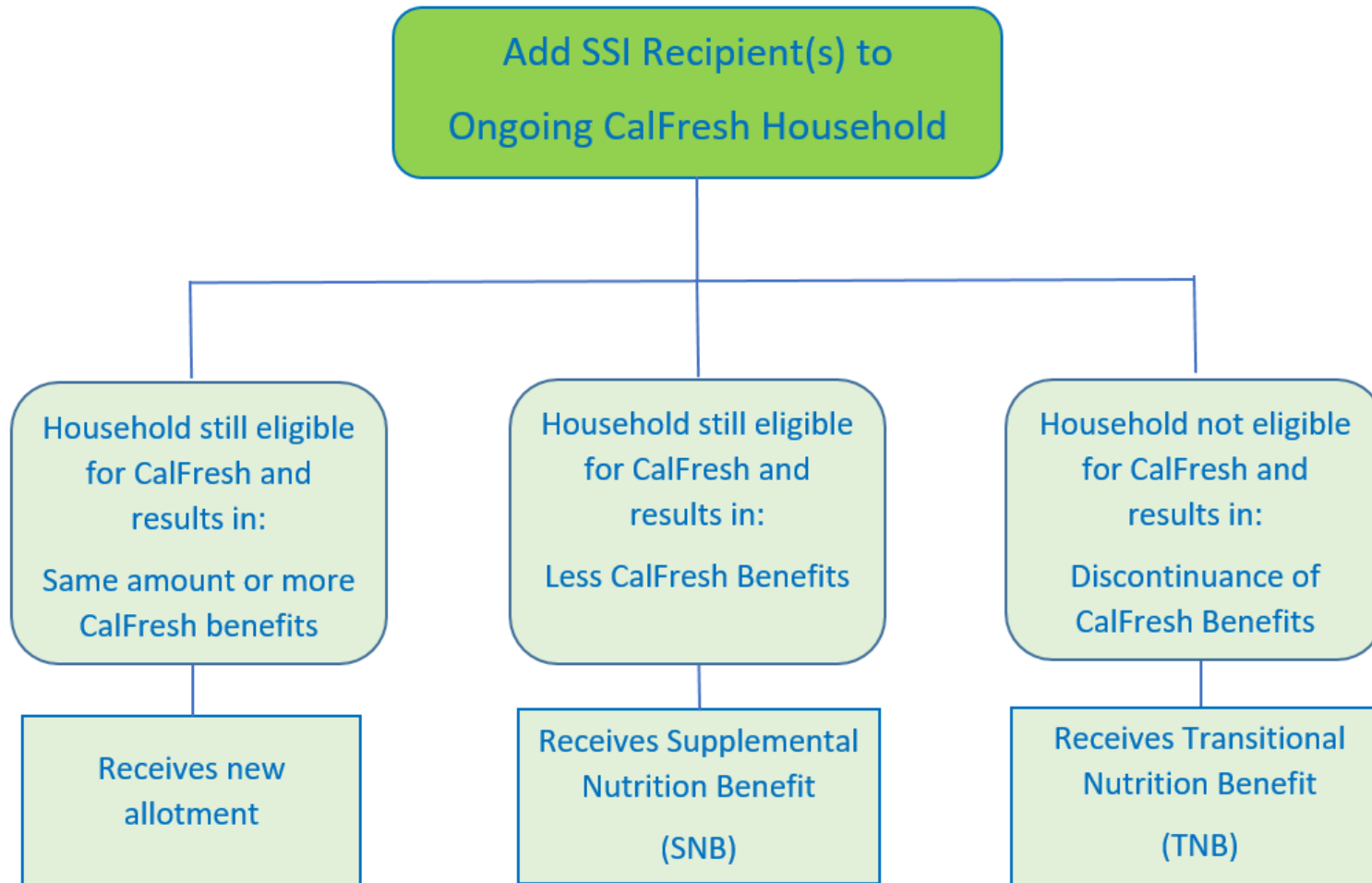
Establishes a supplemental benefit program for existing households who lose CalFresh due to the policy change.

Allows SSI/SSP recipients to qualify for CalFresh if otherwise eligible

Increases Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) benefits by \$10 per person in standardization with the SSI/SSP grant amount

The total SSI/SSP grant amount will NOT decrease recipients may receive both SSI/SSP and CalFresh benefits.

Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) Transitional Nutrition Benefit (TNB) Determination



NOTE: SNB and TNB programs ONLY apply to ongoing CalFresh households with an excluded SSI/SSP recipient on June 1, 2019.

Implementation of New CalFresh Policy

- May 20, 2019, the eligibility system will enable staff to enter the eligibility information of SSI/SSP recipients from new applications or for previously excluded persons who will be added to active cases.
- Eligibility will be determined and appropriate notices will be issued to customers, depending on the status of their case.
- Any households requesting to add an SSI/SSP recipient(s) prior to their annual redetermination or semi-annual report (SAR 7) will be informed of the possibility of a benefit decrease and encouraged to make an informed decision.

CalFresh Table for Maximum Gross & Net Income Limits and Allotments

| CalFresh | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| | | ACIN I-54-18 | EFF 10/2018 | |
| Household Size | Eld/Disabled | Max Gross | Max Net | Allotment |
| | Max Gross | Income | Income | |
| 1 | 1,670 | 1,316 | 1,012 | 192 |
| 2 | 2,264 | 1,784 | 1,372 | 353 |
| 3 | 2,858 | 2,252 | 1,732 | 505 |
| 4 | 3,452 | 2,720 | 2,092 | 652 |
| 5 | 4,046 | 3,188 | 2,452 | 762 |
| 6 | 4,640 | 3,656 | 2,812 | 914 |
| 7 | 5,234 | 4,124 | 3,172 | 1,011 |
| 8 | 5,828 | 4,592 | 3,532 | 1,155 |
| each additional | 594 | 468 | 360 | 144 |

Kings County's Anticipated Impact

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| Anticipated CalFresh Caseload at Implementation: | 10,610 |
| Anticipated Number of Newly Eligible Households at Implementation: | 1,880 |
| Anticipated Number of CalFresh Participants Advantaged: | 171 |
| Anticipated Number of CalFresh Participants Disadvantaged: | 280 |
| Anticipated Number of CalFresh Participants Discontinued: | 27 |

Our Flyer

This flyer will be posted in our Department and hopefully, in your agency.

We have plenty of copies available for your to take back to your offices. If you need more let us know!

Great News!

Effective June 1, 2019

SSI/SSP recipients are potentially eligible for CalFresh benefits!



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to apply online

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our Customer Service Center at

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to a local office:

Office locations noted below

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1:00 - 4:00



What is CalFresh?

- CalFresh is a food benefit that helps you buy food.
- Your CalFresh benefits are delivered electronically via the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Card. The EBT card works the same as your bank debit card.
- CalFresh benefits may be used at any participating establishment (supermarket or Farmer's Market).



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Social Security Administration's Role: Joint Application Processing

- ▶ Beginning June 2019, Social Security Administration (SSA) offices will inform SSI/SSP recipients of their right to apply for CalFresh benefits.
- ▶ Households with only SSI/SSP applicants or recipients, SSA Technicians will inform them that they can assist by using an online assistance tool to submit CalFresh applications or the option to apply directly with the county.
- ▶ Applications for households with SSI/SSP individuals and non-SSI/SSP members will be referred to apply online or contact the Human Services Agency.
- ▶ SSA-assisted applications will not require an additional interview. However, verification of expenses that can be used as deductions to maximize benefits will be requested by the Human Services Agency.

Social Security Administration's Role: Joint Application Processing Continued

- ▶ In addition to assisting the customer with submission of their CalFresh application, the SSA Technician can sign the application on behalf of the household.
- ▶ Customers may elect to complete a paper application for CalFresh benefits which the SSA Technician will assist in completion and submission to the Human Services Agency within one business day of receipt.
- ▶ Should information provided by SSA contradict that provided by the household the County may request verification to resolve the conflict.
- ▶ Certification periods for households in which all members are elderly and/or disabled, and no earned income will be 36 months.
- ▶ Certification periods for households in which all members are elderly and/or disabled and have earned income will be 24 months.

How can you HELP?

- Review with customers the income limits: gross & net to determine if they will be potentially eligible.
- Help customers log into www.C4Yourself.com and enter their application.
- Help gather verifications needed - Income (other than SSI), rent, medical expenses, child/dependent care expenses, and bank statements.
- Become a CBO application assistor in www.C4Yourself.com by attending our upcoming training on **Wednesday, May 29th, at 2 pm** at the Human Services Agency Bldg. #8, Cedar Room, informational flyers available.
- Direct customers to apply online at www.C4Yourself.com or our call center - 1-877-410-8813

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Help Us Help Our Customers

We can create custom
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organization's information!



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Resources

Policy Guidance:

- ACL 18-90: CalFresh Reversing Cash-Out Policy
- ACL 18-90E: Errata CalFresh Reversing Cash-Out Policy
- ACL 18-91: Implementation of the Supplemental Nutrition Benefit Program
- ACL 18-92: Implementation of the Transitional Nutrition Benefit Program
- ACL 18-107: Implementation of the Transitional Nutrition Benefit Program Notices
- ACL 18-108: Implementation of the Supplemental Nutrition Benefit Program Notices
- ACL 18-131: CalFresh Reversing Cash-Out Policy, Supplemental Nutrition Benefit Program, and Transitional Nutrition Benefit Program Quarterly Question and Answer
- ACL 19-12: CalFresh Reversing Cash-Out Policy, Supplemental Nutrition Benefit Program, and Transitional Nutrition Benefit Program Quarterly Question and Answer No. 2
- ACL 19-15E: Revised Benefit Tables For The Supplemental Nutrition Benefit Program and The Transitional Nutrition Benefit Program.
- ACL 19-44: CalFresh Application “Joint Processing” By Social Security Administration and County Welfare Departments

For more information, including materials you can visit:

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/CalFreshSSI>

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