Expanding CalFresh Food to SSI Recipients

What does this mean?

SSI RECIPIENTS MAY ALSO RECEIVE CALFRESH FOOD BENEFITS ON AN EBT CARD BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2019!

- SSI benefits will NOT be reduced or eliminated because of this change. CAPI benefits will increase $10 per person per month for equity with SSI/SSP.
- Most SSI recipients will need to apply for CalFresh – either on the phone, on-line, or in person at their county social services office.
- Excluded SSI members of current CalFresh households DO NOT need to apply: SSI members will be added to existing CalFresh households at the next semi-annual or annual report after implementation; or the household can make a voluntary request to add the SSI member any time after implementation.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Newly Eligible for CalFresh Food Benefits

Most SSI recipients and couples living on their own, will be newly eligible for CalFresh. If approved, you will receive an EBT card with CalFresh food benefits loaded monthly. The average amount nationally for an older adult or person with disability is $105 - $110 per month. The range is $15 - $192 per month.

Still Eligible for CalFresh, More Food Benefits

If adding the SSI recipient increases a household’s CalFresh food benefits, they will simply receive more CalFresh food benefits on their existing EBT card.

Still Eligible for CalFresh, Less Food Benefits

If adding the SSI recipient reduces a household’s CalFresh food benefits, they will be eligible to receive a state-funded nutrition benefit called the Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) on their existing EBT card.

Ineligible for CalFresh Food Benefits

If adding the SSI recipient leads to a total loss of CalFresh food benefits, they will be eligible to receive a state-funded nutrition benefit called the Transitional Nutrition Benefit (TNB) on their existing EBT card.

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