

## CALFRESH BENEFITS

### HOW TO REPORT HOUSEHOLD CHANGES

Everyone who receives CalFresh benefits must report when their income or household situation changes. If you're not sure how to report changes, what changes to report, or what proof we need, be sure to ask your worker. You are receiving this notice because:

- You have been approved for CalFresh benefits and will be reporting changes on a Change Reporting basis.
- Your household was previously assigned Semi-Annual Reporting status and will now be reporting on a Change Reporting basis.

Change Reporting requirements are described below.

### CHANGE REPORTING

You **MUST** report the following changes within ten days:

- If your household has a change in the source of monthly earned income, or your household's monthly earned income starts, stops, or changes by more than \$100.00.
- If your household has a change in the source of monthly unearned income, or your household's monthly unearned income starts, stops, or changes by more than \$50.00.
- Anyone's source of income changes.
- You move in with someone else or anyone moves into or out of your home, including newborns, other children, spouses, other relatives or non-relatives.
- Anyone moves to another address, plans to move or gets a new mailing address.
- Your household's total cash, stocks, bonds or other money is more than \$2250 (or \$3250 if someone in your household is age 60 or over or disabled).
- If there is a change in the amount of any court ordered child support paid by a member of the household for a child not living in the home.
- If you are meeting the Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) work rule by working and your work hours drop below 20 hours a week or 80 hours a month. CalFresh rules limit the receipt of CalFresh benefits to 3 months in a 3-year period for ABAWDs who are not working or participating in other allowable activities. You are excused from the ABAWD work rule and do not need to report a drop in your work hours if you are:
  - Living in a county where the ABAWD work rule is waived because of high unemployment rates;
  - Under 18 or 50 years of age or older;
  - Medically certified as physically or mentally unfit for employment'
  - Meeting the CalWORKs Welfare-To-Work rules
  - Caring for an injured or sick person who will need help for more than 30 days;
  - Participating in an alcohol or drug treatment program that keeps you from working 30 hours or more per week;
  - Getting or have applied for Unemployment Insurance benefits;
  - Employed or self-employed at least 30 hours per week or receiving weekly earnings at least equal to the federal minimum wage multiplied by 30 hours;
  - Going to school at least half-time;
  - Pregnant; or
  - Living in a CalFresh household that contains a minor child even if the minor child is not eligible for CalFresh benefits.

You **MAY** report when:

- Anyone's physical or mental illness begins or ends.
- Anyone's citizenship, immigration status changes or anyone gets a letter, form or new card from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (formerly INS).
- You have changes in your dependent care costs.
- Any member who is disabled or age 60 or older has changes in or new medical expenses. If verified, your allotment can be refigured.
- Any member begins to pay court-ordered child support for a child not living in the home.

**You may report changes either:**

- By mail, telephone, or in person at the County CalFresh Office; or
- By turning in a CF 377.5 CR CalFresh Household Change Report form.

### TRANSITIONAL CALFRESH BENEFITS

California's Transitional CalFresh program provides CalFresh benefits for five months to households that leave CalWORKs. If your household begins receiving transitional CalFresh benefits, you do not have to report while receiving these benefits.

If you are receiving transitional CalFresh benefits, you may reapply to see if you can get more benefits. If you reapply and are approved for regular CalFresh benefits, then all normal reporting rules will apply.