STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CALFRESH NOTICE OF **COUNTY OF** APPROVAL/DENIAL/TERMINATION **WORK INCENTIVE NUTRITIONAL** SUPPLEMENT (WINS) BENEFIT

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Questions? Ask your Worker or call the number above.

STATE HEARING: If you think this action is wrong, you can ask for a hearing. The back of this page tells you how. Your benefits may not be changed if you ask for a hearing before this action takes place.

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As of _ _, you will receive a ten dollar MM/DD/CCYY (\$10) WINS food supplement benefit each month. You are receiving this benefit because you:

- Are a CalFresh household, but not receiving California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) or Tribal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF);
- Have a child under the age of 18 in the home; and
- Have at least one parent/caretaker in the household who is receiving CalFresh, who meets the TANF definition of a "work-eligible individual," and is participating in enough hours in eligible work activities that meet the federal TANF requirements.

Note: Recertification

You will get a notice when it is time to recertify your CalFresh. At that time your continuing eligibility for WINS will be reviewed.

If you apply and are approved for CalWORKs your WINS benefit will be discontinued.

You are not eligible to receive a WINS benefit. This will not affect your CalFresh benefits.

Here's Why:

The child you are caring for is 18, or over.

The child you were caring for no longer lives with you.

A legal guardianship has not been established for the child.

Your work hours are below the minimum required for WINS eligibility.

Your application for CalFresh has been denied.

Other _

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Here's Why:

Your legal guardianship was terminated for your only qualifying child.

You moved out of the State of California.

Your application for CalWORKs has been approved.

Your CalFresh benefits have been discontinued.

Your only qualifying child has moved out of the house.

Your only qualifying child has reached 18 years of age.

Your work hours have fallen below the minimum required for WINS eligibility.

Other (see below):

Rules: These rules apply: ACL 13-71, ACIN I-14-14, Welfare & Institutions Code 15525.

You may review them at your welfare office.

YOUR HEARING RIGHTS

You have the right to ask for a hearing if you disagree with any county action. You have only 90 days to ask for a hearing. The 90 days started the day after the county gave or mailed you this notice. If you have good cause as to why you were not able to file for a hearing within the 90 days, you may still file for a hearing. If you provide good cause, a hearing may still be scheduled.

If you ask for a hearing <u>before</u> an action on Cash Aid, Medi-Cal, CalFresh, or Child Care takes place:

- Your Cash Aid or Medi-Cal will stay the same while you wait for a hearing.
- Your Child Care Services may stay the same while you wait for a hearing.
- Your CalFresh benefits will stay the same until the hearing or the end of your certification period, whichever is earlier.

If the hearing decision says we are right, you will owe us for any extra Cash Aid, CalFresh or Child Care Services you got. To let us lower or stop your benefits before the hearing, check below:

Yes, lower or stop: ☐ Cash Aid ☐ CalFresh ☐ Child Care

While You Wait for a Hearing Decision for:

Welfare to Work:

You do not have to take part in the activities.

You may receive child care payments for employment and for activities approved by the county before this notice.

If we told you your other supportive services payments will stop, you will not get any more payments, even if you go to your activity.

If we told you we will pay your other supportive services, they will be paid in the amount and in the way we told you in this notice.

- To get those supportive services, you must go to the activity the county told you to attend.
- If the amount of supportive services the county pays while you wait for a hearing decision is not enough to allow you to participate, you can stop going to the activity.

Cal-Learn:

- You cannot participate in the Cal-Learn Program if we told you we cannot serve you.
- We will only pay for Cal-Learn supportive services for an approved activity.

OTHER INFORMATION

Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Members: The action on this notice may stop you from getting services from your managed care health plan. You may wish to contact your health plan membership services if you have questions.

Child and/or Medical Support: The local child support agency will help collect support at no cost even if you are not on cash aid. If they now collect support for you, they will keep doing so unless you tell them in writing to stop. They will send you current support money collected but will keep past due money collected that is owed to the county.

Family Planning: Your welfare office will give you information when you ask for it

Hearing File: If you ask for a hearing, the State Hearing Division will set up a file. You have the right to see this file before your hearing and to get a copy of the county's written position on your case at least two days before the hearing. The state may give your hearing file to the Welfare Department and the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture. **(W&I Code Sections 10850 and 10950.)**

TO ASK FOR A HEARING:

- Fill out this page.
- Make a copy of the front and back of this page for your records.
 If you ask, your worker will get you a copy of this page.
- Send or take this page to:

OR

STREET ADDRESS

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 Call toll free: 1-800-952-5253 or for hearing or speech impaired who use TDD, 1-800-952-8349.

To Get Help: You can ask about your hearing rights or for a legal aid referral at the toll-free state phone numbers listed above. You may get free legal help at your local legal aid or welfare rights office.

If you do not want to go to the hearing alone, you can bring a friend or someone with you.

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