



Some Families Getting Medi-Cal May Need to Apply for SUN Bucks

Families getting certain kinds of Medi-Cal may need to apply for SUN Bucks.

Some children with Medi-Cal automatically get SUN Bucks. However, if the child's Medi-Cal is through programs like Supplemental Security Income, Adoption Assistance, or Foster Care, they may need to apply for SUN Bucks through their school by September 2, 2025.

How can children getting Medi-Cal through SSI/SSP, Adoption Assistance, or Foster Care get SUN Bucks?

If the child:

- Gets Medi-Cal that is **not** certified at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level, and,
- Is **not** getting CalFresh or CalWORKs, and
- Is **not** certified by their school as migrant, foster, homeless, or runaway.



Then the family must submit a Universal Benefits Application or school meal application at the child's school by September 2, 2025.

Friendly reminders:

- **SUN Bucks does not affect your family's immigration status.** Visit www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/refugees/public-charge to learn more.
- **Make sure your contact information is up to date.** Update your physical and/or mailing address, phone number, and email address with your child's school or school administrator's office, or [local county social services office](#). You can also call the SUN Bucks Helpline at (877) 328-9677 to report any changes in contact information.
- **Report any SUN Bucks card issuance errors to the SUN Bucks Helpline at (877) 328-9677.** A family cannot receive and use more than one SUN Bucks card per child or get SUN Bucks from more than one State (7 CFR § 292.27).

Want to Learn More?

- Visit www.cdss.ca.gov/SUNBucks
- Check out the [CDSS YouTube SUN Bucks Playlist](#)
- Scan the quick response (QR) code



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