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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 18-90E

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 18-90E

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL TRIBAL TANF PROGRAM CONTACTS
ALL CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS (CAPI) MANAGERS
ALL IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) MANAGERS
ALL CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS
ALL QUALITY CONTROL COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: CALFRESH REVERSING CASH-OUT POLICY: ELIGIBILITY FOR RECIPIENTS OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME AND/OR CALIFORNIA STATE SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENT BENEFITS

REFERENCE: [ALL COUNTY LETTER 18-90; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MEMO DATED JANUARY 21, 2010 – SNAP CLARIFICATION – ISSUANCE OF BENEFITS WHEN HOUSEHOLD IS INELIGIBLE IN THE INITIAL MONTH OF APPLICATION; 7 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS \(CFR\) 274.2\(b\) and \(d\); 7 CFR 273.2\(g\)\(1\); AND CALFRESH MANUAL OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES 63-301.1](#)

The purpose of this erratum is to delete and replace language included in All County Letter (ACL) No. 18-90 regarding expedited service (ES) entitlement.

All county letter 18-90 inadvertently indicated that newly eligible Supplemental Security Income and/or California State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP)-only households that apply in May 2019, the calendar month prior to the implementation date of the expansion of CalFresh to recipients of SSI, and are found entitled to ES, would be issued benefits no later than three calendar days from the implementation date (June 1, 2019). That guidance is incorrect. Newly eligible SSI/SSP-only households that apply in May are not eligible for May benefits, and therefore, are not entitled to ES in May.

Newly eligible SSI/SSP-only households that apply in May, and are otherwise eligible, will be issued June benefits as soon as possible, but no earlier than June 1, 2019, and no later than 30 calendar days past the date of initial application. As well, SSI/SSP-only households may contact their County Welfare Department (CWD) and request a late determination of ES anytime on or after June 1, 2019.

The original language and the revised language are below. The original language that was deleted is marked using ~~strike through~~ and the revised language is *italicized*.

Original Language

Page seven, Section III. Implementation for Newly Eligible Households, paragraph four:

~~If a newly eligible SSI/SSP-only household submits an application within the calendar month prior to the implementation date, the county shall process the application but will not issue benefits until the implementation date, even if the household is entitled to Expedited Service (ES). In this scenario, if the SSI/SSP-only household is otherwise eligible, the CWD will issue a \$0 grant for the month of application and shall issue benefits accordingly for the remainder of the certification period, beginning on the implementation date. For SSI/SSP-only households that are entitled to ES that submit the application within the calendar month prior to the implementation date, benefits will be issued no later than three calendar days from the implementation date.~~

Revised Language

If an otherwise eligible SSI/SSP-only household submits an application in May 2019, the CWD shall process the application and deny benefits for May 2019. The CWD will issue June benefits as soon as possible, but no earlier than June 1, 2019, and no later than 30 calendar days past the date of initial application. CWDs may not stagger benefits for the initial month of certification.

Per Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) memo issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service on Jan 1, 2010, titled SNAP – Clarification – Issuance of Benefits When Household is Ineligible in the Initial Month of Application, “the regulation at 7 CFR 274.2(d) makes a distinction between the receipt of the initial allotment and subsequent allotments. Although a State agency may stagger the issuance of benefits for established households; a State agency may not stagger benefits for the initial month of certification.” Also included in the same memo, “the provisions at 7 CFR 273.2(g)(1) and 7 CFR 274.2(b) provide that all newly-certified households shall be given an opportunity to participate no later than 30 calendar days following the date the application was filed. An ‘opportunity to participate’ means the household must have benefits in hand and available to use by the 30th day.” Additionally, under section 63-603.1 of the CalFresh Manual of Policies and Procedures, eligible households must be given the “opportunity to participate as soon as possible”.

Further, newly eligible SSI/SSP-only households that apply in May cannot be found entitled to Expedited Service (ES) in May, as they are not eligible for May benefits. However, SSI/SSP-only households may contact their CWD and request a late determination of ES anytime on or after June 1, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the CalFresh Policy Bureau at (916) 651-8047.

Sincerely,

Original Documents Signed By:

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