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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS
ALL QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: BENEFIT TABLES FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION
BENEFIT PROGRAM AND TRANSITIONAL NUTRITION BENEFIT
PROGRAM

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 1811 \(CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2018\);](#)
[WELAFRE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) § 12200.01\(b\);](#)
[§ 18900.5-.7; ACL 18-90; ACL 18-91; ACL 18-92; ACL 18-107;](#)
[ACL 18-108; ACL 18-131; AND ACL 19-12.](#)

The purpose of this letter is to provide County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with the annual Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) Program and the Transitional Nutrition Benefit (TNB) Program benefit allotments.

Background

Effective June 1, 2019, with the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018), individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income and/or California State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) benefits are eligible for CalFresh, provided all other eligibility criteria are satisfied.

The CWDs will implement the policy change for newly eligible households beginning on June 1, 2019. For ongoing households, CWDs will implement the policy change on a rolling basis at the ongoing household's next periodic report, recertification, or when voluntarily requested by the ongoing household, beginning on June 1, 2019. Hereafter,

this rolling implementation date for individual households will be referred to generally as the household effective date.

Policy instructions for implementation and automation of the reversal of the cash-out policy and for the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) grant augmentation were provided via [ACL 18-90](#), issued on July 31, 2018.

In addition to reversing the cash-out policy, AB 1811 creates two state-funded nutrition benefit programs intended to “hold harmless” existing CalFresh households negatively affected by the policy change. The two state-funded programs, known as the SNB Program and the TNB Program, will provide CalFresh households with nutrition benefits to offset the loss of CalFresh benefits or CalFresh ineligibility, respectively.

Policy instruction for implementation and automation of the SNB Program were provided via [ACL 18-91](#) and via [ACL 18-92](#) for the TNB Program, both issued on July 31, 2018. The SNB and TNB Program notices were provided via [ACL 18-107](#) and [ACL 18-108](#), both issued on August 30, 2018.

Additional policy clarification in the form of Q&A was issued by the Department via [ACL 18-131](#) issued on October 31, 2018, and via [ACL 19-12](#) issued on January 31, 2019.

Benefit Tables

The amount of SNB Program and TNB Program benefits provided to each eligible household will be based on the benefit allotment tables developed by the Department below.

To determine the household’s benefit allotment, the CWD must determine the following on the household’s effective date:

1. The new household size when the previously excluded SSI/SSP recipient(s) is added to the household (vertical axis).
2. The number of previously excluded SSI/SSP recipients added to the household (horizontal axis).

Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB) Program Table

New Household Size	(Previously Excluded SSI Recipients) 1	(Previously Excluded SSI Recipients) 2	(Previously Excluded SSI Recipients) 3+
2	\$70		
3	\$96	\$135	
4	\$116	\$172	\$191
5	\$130	\$205	\$265
6	\$144	\$234	\$306
7	\$147	\$259	\$343
8	\$144	\$280	\$376
9	\$135	\$297	\$405
10	\$120	\$300	\$430
11	\$110	\$308	\$451
12+	\$84	\$312	\$468

Transitional Nutrition Benefit (TNB) Program Table

New Household Size	(Previously Excluded SSI Recipients) 1	(Previously Excluded SSI Recipients) 2	(Previously Excluded SSI Recipients) 3+
2	\$115		
3	\$123	\$192	
4	\$136	\$258	\$192
5	\$146	\$282	\$352
6	\$162	\$287	\$395
7	\$179	\$292	\$438
8	\$179	\$309	\$439
9	\$179	\$309	\$440
10	\$179	\$309	\$440
11	\$179	\$309	\$440
12+	\$179	\$309	\$440

The CWD will select the applicable criterion from the vertical axis and the applicable criterion from the horizontal axis. Where these two selections intersect is the household's SNB Program or TNB Program benefit cell. The household's benefit cell is assigned to the household permanently, as the statute requires. The benefit allotment for the household will be determined at the household's effective date and shall remain unchanged as long as the household remains eligible for the SNB Program or TNB Program.

Additional details regarding the SNB Program and TNB Program benefits were provided via [ACL 18-91](#) (page 4) and [ACL 18-92](#) (page 4), both issued on July 31, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

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