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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 21-107**

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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: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION BENEFIT AND TRANSITIONAL  
NUTRITION BENEFIT PROGRAMS: CHANGES TO BENEFIT  
TABLEs

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 1811 \(CHAPTER 35, STATUTES OF 2018\);](#)  
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) § 12200.01\(b\);](#)  
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) § 18900.5-.7;](#)  
[MANUAL OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES \(MPP\) SECTION 63-](#)  
[504.391; ACL 18-90; ACL 18-91; ACL 18-92; ACL 18-107; ACL 18-](#)  
[108; ACL 18-131; ACL 19-12; ACL 19-41; ACL 19-15 AND ACL 19-](#)  
[15E.](#)

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## **BACKGROUND**

With the passage of [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 1811 \(Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018\)](#), effective June 1, 2019 individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income and/or California State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) benefits became eligible for CalFresh, provided all other eligibility criteria are met. This policy change is commonly known as the “expansion of CalFresh to SSI/SSP recipients.”

The CWDs implemented the policy change for newly eligible households beginning on June 1, 2019. For ongoing households, CWDs implemented 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. This rolling implementation date for individual households is referred to generally as the household effective date.

Policy instructions for implementation and automation of the expansion of CalFresh to SSI/SSP recipients were provided via [ACL 18-90](#) issued on July 31, 2018.

In addition to the expansion of CalFresh to SSI/SSP recipients, AB 1811 created 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, provide CalFresh households with nutrition benefits to offset the loss of CalFresh benefits or CalFresh ineligibility, respectively.

Policy instructions for implementation and automation of the SNB Program were provided via [ACL 18-91](#) and for the TNB Program [ACL 18-92](#), 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 provided via [ACL 18-131](#) issued on October 31, 2018, via [ACL 19-12](#) issued on January 31, 2019, and via [ACL 19-41](#) issued April 29, 2019.

A previous benefit table for the SNB and TNB program can be found in [ACL 19-15](#) issued on February 6, 2019 and [ACL 19-15E](#) issued on April 10, 2019.

### **UPDATED BENEFIT TABLES**

Effective October 2021 benefit month, the amount of SNB Program and TNB Program benefits provided to each eligible household will be based on the benefit allotment tables 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+
1	\$124		
2	\$124	\$233	
3	\$166	\$233	\$287
4	\$192	\$259	\$287
5	\$211	\$284	\$321
6	\$235	\$302	\$354
7	\$259	\$319	\$387
8	\$254	\$350	\$425
9	\$238	\$370	\$439
10	\$212	\$390	\$453
11	\$194	\$395	\$475
12+	\$148	\$395	\$493

### **TRANSITIONAL NUTRITION BENEFIT (TNB) PROGRAM TABLE**

New Household Size	(Previously Excluded SSI Recipients) 1	(Previously Excluded SSI Recipients) 2	(Previously Excluded SSI Recipients) 3+
1	\$192		
2	\$192	\$192	
3	\$221	\$192	\$192
4	\$250	\$301	\$192
5	\$320	\$348	\$352
6	\$390	\$395	\$400
7	\$431	\$451	\$480
8	\$431	\$477	\$522
9	\$431	\$477	\$523
10	\$431	\$477	\$523
11	\$431	\$477	\$523
12+	\$431	\$477	\$523

The CWD must 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 benefit cell is determined based on circumstances on the household's effective date and must remain unchanged as long as the household remains eligible for the SNB Program or TNB Program. Transferring SNB/TNB eligibility to a new household is allowable under certain circumstances as addressed in [ACL 18-91](#) and [ACL 18-131](#).

### **CLIENT NOTIFICATION**

CWDs must publicize this change using mass change information practices, such as but not limited to, news or media outlet, posters in certification offices, issuance locations, or other sites frequented by certified households; or mass change notices mailed to households. No Notice of Action (NOA) is required.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the CalFresh Policy Bureau at [CalFreshPolicy@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CalFreshPolicy@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

### ***Original Document Signed By***

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