

December 31, 2021

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 21-150**

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of the extensions set forth in Sections 82 and 83 of [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 135 \(Chapter 85, Statutes of 2021\)](#), henceforth referred to as AB 135. AB 135 enacts changes stipulated by the [California Welfare and Institutions Code \(WIC\) Sections 18901.10 and 18918.1](#) for CalFresh, providing an extension for the implementation of interview scheduling techniques, and Medi-Cal and CalFresh dual enrollment requirements.



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

SUBJECT: CALFRESH IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 135  
SECTIONS 82 AND 83: IMPLEMENTATION EXTENSION OF  
THE FLEXIBLE CALFRESH INTERVIEW SCHEDULING AND  
MEDI-CAL/CALFRESH DUAL ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 135 \(CHAPTER 85, STATUTES OF 2021\);](#)  
[AB 79 \(CHAPTER 11, STATUTES OF 2020\); WELFARE AND](#)  
[INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) SECTIONS 18901.10, 18918.1;](#)  
[ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) NO. 21-24; ACL NO. 21-52;](#)  
[TITLE 7 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS \(CFR\) SECTION](#)  
[273.2\(e\)\(2\), CFR SECTION 273.2\(f\)\(6\); FOOD AND NUTRITION](#)  
[ACT OF 2008 SECTION 11\(e\)\(2\)\(C\)](#)

The purpose of this All County Letter (ACL) is to inform County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of the extension of the implementation deadlines for flexible CalFresh interview scheduling and the Medi-Cal/CalFresh dual enrollment requirements. The extension of the implementation is authorized by [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 135 \(Chapter 85, Statutes of 2021\)](#), Sections 82 and 83, which enacts changes to the [California Welfare and Institutions Code \(WIC\) Section 18901.10](#) and [WIC Section 18918.1](#) for CalFresh.

### **Extension of Flexible CalFresh Interview Scheduling**

Prior [ACL No. 21-24](#), issued March 4, 2021, required CWDs to implement one or more flexible interview scheduling methods to the extent not currently in use no later than July 1, 2021. [AB 135 Section 82](#) extends the implementation date for this requirement by

updating [WIC Section 18901.10](#) to require CWDs to implement one or more of the flexible interview scheduling methods by no later than January 1, 2022.

Per [ACL No. 21-24](#), flexible interview scheduling methods include:

- Time-block interviews;
- Telephonic contact in conjunction with the provision of written communication about the need to schedule an interview; or
- Same-day interviews.

For more information on each of these interview scheduling methods see [ACL No. 21-24](#).

### **Extension of New CalFresh/Medi-Cal Dual Enrollment Requirements**

Prior [ACL No. 21-52](#), issued April 30, 2021, required CWDs to implement specific requirements to expand CalFresh/Medi-Cal dual enrollment no later than January 1, 2022. [AB 135 Section 83](#) extends the implementation for this requirement by updating [WIC Section 18918.1](#) to require CWDs to implement the following rules no later than January 1, 2023:

- Screen all Medi-Cal applicants for CalFresh eligibility at time of application or renewal;
- Provide Medi-Cal applicants who may potentially be eligible for CalFresh with the opportunity to apply for CalFresh at the same time as their Medi-Cal application or renewal;
- Staff who handle Medi-Cal applications and renewals to also conduct eligibility determination for CalFresh program; and
- Designate county liaison(s) to establish CalFresh application referral and communication procedures between counties and community-based organizations (CBOs) that facilitate Medi-Cal enrollment.

For more information on the CalFresh/Medi-Cal dual enrollment requirements see [ACL No. 21-52](#).

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

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By***

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