

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR DIVERSION SERVICES

Diversion services can give you cash or non-cash services to meet a specific current need or emergency. Read this Coversheet carefully. It gives you facts to help you decide if diversion services are right for you. You must fill out and sign the Diversion Services Agreement before you can get diversion services.

FACTS ABOUT DIVERSION SERVICES

- The county determines if you are eligible for diversion services. They are **only** for persons who:
 - May benefit from diversion services and could avoid the need for getting cash aid every month **and**
 - Are apparently eligible for cash aid, **and**
 - Need some cash or non-cash assistance to help solve a current need or emergency situation.
- You can **only** get diversion services at the time of application. If you choose to get cash aid, you will no longer be eligible for diversion services.
- You should **only choose** to get diversion services if you do not need or want to get cash aid each month.
- You may be eligible for CalFresh and Medi-Cal, and you may be able to get child care assistance.
- You and the county must agree to the method of payment for diversion services.

CHOOSING DIVERSION SERVICES INSTEAD OF MONTHLY CASH AID

If you choose to get diversion services:

- You will not get **monthly** cash aid.
- You must sign the attached Diversion Services Agreement.
- You will get a notice that:
 - Denies your current application for cash aid, **and**
 - Gives you the method of payment for your diversion services and the number of months in your diversion period.
- You will get a separate approval or denial notice for any other benefits you applied for, such as CalFresh and Medi-Cal.
- You must tell your worker if you need child care assistance during your diversion period.

IF YOU DO NOT CHOOSE TO GET DIVERSION SERVICES, TELL THE COUNTY YOU WANT TO GET MONTHLY CASH AID, IF YOU ARE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE.

AFTER GETTING DIVERSION SERVICES

If you apply for cash aid after getting diversion services and it is:

- Before the diversion period ends, you must choose to allow the county to either:
 - Lower your monthly cash aid payment by the amount determined by the county to repay the diversion payment/services; **or**
 - Count the total diversion period against your 48-month time limit.
- After the diversion period ends, the county will only count one month of the diversion period against your 48-month time limit.

FIGURING THE DIVERSION PERIOD

When the county figures the diversion period, the county:

- Determines the purchase price or current value for any non-cash services you get.
- Takes the amount of diversion payment/services and divides it by your Maximum Aid Payment for your assistance unit at the time you got diversion services.

EXAMPLE FOR FIGURING A DIVERSION PERIOD

- An applicant with two children receives \$1,375 to take care of emergency repairs on her car so she can continue working.
- With a Maximum Aid Payment of \$638 for her assistance unit of 3 at the time she got diversion services, her diversion period is 2 months ($\$1,375 \div \$638 = 2.1$ months, which is then rounded down to a 2-month diversion period).