

REMINDER FOR TEENS TURNING 18 YEARS OLD

Give this notice right away to your child who will be turning 18 years old within the next 60 days.

If you are 18 years old and don't have children and/or are not pregnant

You can still get cash aid as part of your parent/caretaker's case after your 18th birthday ONLY if you:

- Are a full-time student in high school, or in a vocational or technical training program, and are expected to finish school/program before reaching 19 years old, or
- Are a full-time student in high school, or in a vocational or technical training program, and have been or are considered disabled, and meet the disability criteria pursuant to the CalWORKs regulations, or
- Are a foster child living with an approved relative and are completing high school or an equivalency program, enrolling in post-secondary or vocational school, participating in a program or activity that promotes or removes barriers to employment, employed at least 80 hours per month, or unable to participate in school or employment due to a documented medical condition.

Call your county worker right away if you think you meet any of these situations. If you are eligible to stay on cash aid, you may need to have a fingerprint and photo image taken by the county.

If you are 18 years old and have a child of your own and/or are pregnant

1. You can continue to get cash aid as part of your parent/caretaker's case after your 18th birthday ONLY if you:

- Are a full-time student in high school, or in a vocational or technical training program, and are expected to finish school/program before reaching 19 years old, or
- Are a full-time student in high school, or in a vocational or technical training program, and have been or are considered disabled, and meet the disability criteria pursuant to the CalWORKs regulations, or
- Are a foster child living with an approved relative and are completing high school or an equivalency program, enrolling in post-secondary or vocational school, participating in a program or activity that promotes or removes barriers to employment, employed at least 80 hours per month, or unable to participate in school or employment due to a documented medical condition.

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2. You can choose to start your own case. Call your county worker right away if you want to start your own case. Here are some things you need to know before starting your own case:

- You do NOT have to move out of your parent/caretaker's home to be in your own case.
- Your time limits for getting cash aid will start.
- As the head of your case, YOU must report all changes to your county worker each Quarter.
- If you start your own case, your parent or caretaker may get less cash aid or if you are the only child their cash aid may be stopped.
- As of July 1, 2011, if you are pregnant and don't have other children, you will not be able to get cash aid until your third trimester. If you were granted cash aid prior to your third trimester before July 1, 2011, you will be eligible to continue to receive aid.
- If the Maximum Family Grant (MFG) rule was applied to your child while you were a dependent minor parent, your child can be counted in your cash aid payment when you are in your own case.

If you are under your own case or are a part of your parent/caretaker's case, to be eligible to stay on cash aid, you may need to have a fingerprint and photo image taken by the county. If you have questions about whether you should start your own case, call the county welfare office or local legal services office.