

## REPORTING CHANGES FOR CASH AID AND CALFRESH

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CASE NAME:	
CASE NUMBER:	
WORKER NUMBER:	

Because you get  Cash Aid  CalFresh, you must report within 10 days when your TOTAL income reaches a certain level. You must report anytime your household's total monthly income is more than your current Income Reporting Threshold (IRT).

Benefit Type	CalWORKs	CalFresh
Family Size		
Your Current Income		
<b>Your IRT is</b>		

**Note:** If your IRT for CalFresh is listed as "N/A", you are not required to report income changes for CalFresh until your next SAR 7 or recertification, whichever comes first. However, if you have an IRT amount listed for CalWORKs, you must report when your gross income goes over that amount.

### How to report?

If your total income is over the IRT amount listed above, you must report this to the County **within 10 days**. You can report this information to the County by calling the county or reporting it in writing.

By "total monthly income" we mean:

- ⇒ Any money you get (both earned **and unearned**).
- ⇒ The amount *before* any deductions are taken out. (Examples of deductions are: taxes, Social Security or other retirement contributions, garnishments, etc.)

### What will happen?

- ⇒ Your benefits may be lowered or stopped based on income over your IRT.
- ⇒ Your IRT may change when your income changes or when someone moves in or out of your home.
- ⇒ The County will let you know in writing each time your IRT changes.
- ⇒ You also need to report on your SAR 7 all income you get during the Report Month, even if you already reported that money.

### Penalty for not reporting

If you do not report when your income is more than your household's IRT limit you might get more benefits than you should. You **must** repay any extra benefits you get. If you do not report on purpose to try to get more benefits, this is fraud, and you may be charged with a crime and/or may no longer get CalFresh for a period of time or life.

If you get Cash Aid, you **MUST ALSO** report the things below **within 10 days** of when they happen:

1. Anytime someone joins, or is in your household, who has been found by a court of law to be in violation of a condition of probation or parole.
2. Anytime someone joins, or is in your household, who is running from the law (has a warrant out for their arrest).
3. Anytime you have an address change.

If you get CalFresh, you **MUST ALSO** report the following:

- If you are an Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD), you must report anytime your work or training hours drop to *less* than 20 hours a week or 80 hours a month.

### Voluntarily reporting information

You may also voluntarily report changes to the County anytime. *Reporting some changes may get you more benefits.* For example:

- Your income stops or goes down.
- Someone with income moves out of your home.
- Someone without income moves into your home.
- Someone in the house becomes pregnant.
- Someone on cash aid has a special need, such as: a pregnancy, a special diet prescribed by a doctor, household emergency, etc.
- The birth of a child.
- For CalFresh, if someone disabled or age 60 or older has new or higher out of pocket medical costs.

**Note:** Some changes you report voluntarily may result in a decrease in your CalFresh benefits.