

**County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)  
CalWORKs Program Guide Special Notice**

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**Effective Date:**

October 1, 2023

**Background:**

**Maximum Aid Payment (MAP)**

The State establishes the MAP levels, which are used to determine CalWORKs grant amounts. Assembly Bill (AB) 85 redistributed funds for CalWORKs expenditures and established the Child Poverty and Family Supplemental Support (CPFSS) Subaccount within the Sales Tax Account of the Local Revenue Fund to support CalWORKs grant increases. Any remaining amounts in the subaccount will be carried over to future fiscal years. The growth revenues deposited into the CPFSS Subaccount will determine if funding remains sufficient for the following fiscal year and thereafter. If funds are sufficient, the increase will take effect on October 1st of that year. If funds are not sufficient to support an increase, no change to the MAP will occur.

**Income Reporting Threshold (IRT)**

Under Semi-Annual Reporting (SAR) and Annual Reporting/Child-Only (AR/CO) regulations, customers are required to report only certain changes in their income or family circumstances mid-period. One such mandatory mid-period report is when the Assistance Unit's (AU) total earned income, or combined unearned and earned income, exceeds the IRT level. An AU with only unearned income is not required to report when unearned income exceeds the IRT level mid-period.

The IRT level for an AU is the lower of the two following tiers:

1. Tier 1: 55% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for a family of three, plus the amount of income last used to calculate the AU's monthly grant amount
2. Tier 2: 130% of the FPL which is also the level of income at which a household may become financially ineligible for CalFresh

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this special notice is to inform staff of:

- A 3.6% permanent MAP increase; AB 120 increases CalWORKs MAP levels by 3.6%. The cost of the 3.6% grant increase will be funded with revenue deposited into the CPFSS Subaccount
- The 10% temporary MAP increase was made permanent; the 10% temporary MAP increase, authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 187, was scheduled to sunset on September 30, 2024. However, AB 120 removed the sunset date for this increase, thereby making it permanent
- IRT levels increase

The increases take effect October 1, 2023.

**Policy:**

**MAP**

MAP level changes require county-initiated mid-period action for all CalWORKs cases.

**IRT**

Customers must be informed of their IRT level at least once per SAR or AR/CO payment period or whenever the AU's IRT level changes. The IRT level in which the customer was last notified will be used for reporting purposes until the county informs the customer of a change in their IRT level.

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**Procedure:**

**MAP**

- Customers are required to be notified of the MAP increase and associated impact to their CalFresh benefits by September 20, 2023, to meet (10-day) timely noticing regulations
- The TEMP 2250 (08/23) State Law Changes the Maximum Aid Payment Levels for Cash Aid Recipients informing notice have been issued to all CalWORKs customers via mass mailing in August, 2023, informing them of the MAP increase
- Staff are to provide the TEMP 2250 to all customers who apply for CalWORKs in August through October 2023, and document in case comments that the notice was provided and explained
- TM44-315N (07/23) Grant Increase/Law Change Notice of Action (NOA) is to be used to notify customers when their grant will increase due to the MAP change

**SB 380 Child MAP**

Due to the MAP level increases, the Child MAP that determines the amount of child support the child (step/half sibling) must receive monthly to be eligible for exclusion from the AU's MAP determination has also changed. Refer to CPG 44-300.H for additional SB 380 information.

Therefore, staff must review the excluded child's amount of child support to determine if eligibility for exclusion under the policy still exists. To continue to meet the requirement, the excluded child's amount of child support received must still exceed the MAP amount for the child.

Staff will add the child's needs back into the AU's MAP determination when:

- The child is no longer receiving child support that exceeds the amount of CalWORKs grant that the AU would receive if their needs were included because of the MAP change and
- The change occurred during the AU's SAR 7 data month or redetermination month

**Note:** The customer does not need to initiate the request to add the child.

When the change occurs outside the AU's SAR 7 data month or redetermination month, staff will not add the child but will re-evaluate the amount of child support received at the next SAR 7 or redetermination, whichever occurs first. The child's needs will be added at that time if the child support received is still less than the grant they would receive.

As a reminder, staff may add a child's needs back into the MAP determination at any time if the customer voluntarily reports mid-period that the monthly child support received for that child has decreased below the child's MAP amount or the child support has stopped.

The SB 380 MAP charts have been updated, to reflect the MAP level increases, and they are available in Eligibility Essentials. They are also attached to this Special Notice as reference.

**IRT**

The informing notice that provides the IRT limits must be individualized for each AU. Staff will inform customers of their IRT level at least once per payment period or whenever the AU's IRT changes. Upon approval of an application and any time the AU's IRT level changes during the recertification/payment period, the IRT level must be provided to the customer using SAR 2, AR 2, or AR 2 SAR form as

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appropriate. The SAR 2, AR 2, or AR 2 SAR forms are generated in CalSAWS. Staff are to review the information in the form and provide the appropriate form to the customer.

The IRT level in which the customer was last notified will be used for reporting purposes. The new IRT level will be applied as soon as the customer receives the notification of a change in their IRT level. Staff will not use the new IRT for any AU until the AU has received notification that their IRT has changed, and the new IRT level will not be retroactively applied to the case.

A report of income over the IRT may result in either a mid-period decrease or discontinuance of CalWORKs. Once the family receives income in excess of the IRT and reports it, staff must take action to determine if the reported income is reasonably anticipated to continue. If the new reported income will continue but is not at a level not exceeding the AU's Tier 2, staff must use the new reasonably anticipated income to recalculate the grant amount based on the reported income. If staff determine the grant should be decreased, the grant will be decreased at the end of the month in which timely and adequate notice can be provided. If the income reported is reasonably anticipated to continue to exceed the AU's Tier 2 IRT for the remainder of the payment period, staff will determine the AU financially ineligible and discontinue the AU at the end of the month in which timely and adequate notice can be provided.

As long as the AU's income does not exceed the Tier 2 IRT (130% of the FPL), the case will stay open, and the AU may remain eligible for supportive services and CalWORKs special needs. This may also allow some CalWORKs cases to remain open with a Zero Basic Grant (ZGB) if the AU's income remains below 130% of the FPL.

**Impacts:**

**Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Programs (TCVAP)**

The above instructions also apply to RCA and TCVAP, unless specifically superseded by RCA/TCVAP regulations.

**CalFresh**

The increase in CalWORKs MAP will likely cause a decrease in CalFresh benefits, and the change is considered Verified Upon Receipt (VUR). Review the impacted cases and take action as needed. CalFresh customers must receive timely notification of any negative changes to their household's benefits, as a result of the MAP increase no later than September 20, 2023, in order to meet 10-day timely noticing requirements.

CalFresh IRT amounts will be updated on the CalFresh Assistance Standard Chart and issued separate from this special notice.

**General Relief**

Instructions for General Relief Program will be distributed separately.

**Automation**

Updates to the CalSAWS reference tables, to reflect the new MAP and IRT levels, took place from August 26 to 31, 2023. Additional information and a case exception and online correspondence reports will be issued to staff for appropriate action.

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Forms and Document Capture

Form TEMP 2250 (08/23) and TM44-315N (07/23) NOA, and the SAR 2, AR 2, and AR 2 SAR forms are available for immediate use in CalSAWS.

Scratch Budget/Assistance Chart

The CalWORKs-CalFresh Scratch Budget and CalWORKs Assistance Standards Chart (CPG 44-300.G, 45-200) will be updated in the near future with the new MAP and IRT levels for October 2023.

**References:**

All County Letters No. 23-74 and 23-75

**Sunset Date:**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by October 31, 2024.

**Approval for Release:**

 for:

Rick Wanne, Director  
Self-Sufficiency Services

**Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care (MBSAC)  
and Income In-Kind (IIK) (07/23)**

AU	MBSAC	Housing	Utilities	Food	Clothing
1	\$862	\$391	\$82	\$214	\$65
2	\$1,415	\$519	\$95	\$457	\$127
3	\$1,753	\$568	\$98	\$586	\$189
4	\$2,080	\$598	\$103	\$724	\$252
5	\$2,373	\$598	\$103	\$878	\$321
6	\$2,670	\$598	\$103	\$1,015	\$384
7	\$2,934	\$598	\$103	\$1,132	\$449
8	\$3,193	\$598	\$103	\$1,235	\$498
9	\$3,464	\$598	\$103	\$1,359	\$573
10+	\$3,760*	\$598	\$103	\$1,470	\$628

\*Add \$34 to MBSAC for each additional person

**Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) (10/23)**

AU	Exempt	Non-Exempt
1	\$807	\$732
2	\$1,036	\$927
3	\$1,310	\$1,171
4	\$1,574	\$1,412
5	\$1,844	\$1,654
6	\$2,117	\$1,896
7	\$2,388	\$2,139
8	\$2,661	\$2,382
9	\$2,930	\$2,623
10+	\$3,205	\$2,867

**EXEMPT AU:** An AU is considered exempt when each adult parent/caretaker relative meets one of the following criteria:

- Is an unaided non-parent caretaker relative
- Is disabled and receiving one of the following:
  - Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payments (SSI/SSP)
  - In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
  - State Disability Insurance (SDI)
  - Temporary Worker's Compensation (TWC)
  - Temporary Disability Indemnity (TDI)

**Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) (10/23)**

**CalWORKs IRT is the lesser of Tier 1 or Tier 2:**

**Tier 1:** \$1,140\* plus the gross income last used in the CalWORKs benefit determination.

\*Amount is provided by CDSS (55% of the FPL for a family of three, regardless of actual AU size)

**Tier 2:** 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

AU	IRT
0	\$1,580
1	\$1,580
2	\$2,137
3	\$2,694
4	\$3,250
5	\$3,807
6	\$4,364
7	\$4,921
8	\$5,478
Each additional member	\$557

**Child Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) Chart Effective October 1, 2023**

**Single Child Participating in Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option**

<b>Assistance Unit (AU) Size</b>	<b>Region 1 Exempt</b>	<b>Region 1 Non-Exempt</b>	<b>Region 2 Exempt</b>	<b>Region 2 Non-Exempt</b>
<p align="center">2</p> <p>For a child in this AU size to participate, the adult(s) cannot be aided. The remaining AU member must be a CalWORKs eligible step or half-sibling.</p>	<p>\$229 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$429 Child MAP</p>	<p>\$195 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$395 Child MAP</p>	<p>\$216 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$416 Child MAP</p>	<p>\$188 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$388 Child MAP</p>
3	<p>\$274 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$474 Child MAP</p>	<p>\$244 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$444 Child MAP</p>	<p>\$260 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$460 Child MAP</p>	<p>\$231 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$431 Child MAP</p>
4	<p>\$264 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$464 Child MAP</p>	<p>\$241 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$441 Child MAP</p>	<p>\$250 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$450 Child MAP</p>	<p>\$230 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$430 Child MAP</p>
5	<p>\$270 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$470 Child MAP</p>	<p>\$242 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$442 Child MAP</p>	<p>\$259 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$459 Child MAP</p>	<p>\$231 Base Child MAP  <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>                      =\$431 Child MAP</p>
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### Single Child Participating in Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option

Assistance Unit (AU) Size	Region 1 Exempt	Region 1 Non-Exempt	Region 2 Exempt	Region 2 Non-Exempt
7	\$271 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$471 Child MAP	\$243 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$443 Child MAP	\$255 Base Child MAP <u>+ 200 CS Disregard</u> =\$455 Child MAP	\$230 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$430 Child MAP
8	\$273 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$473 Child MAP	\$243 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$443 Child MAP	\$262 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$462 Child MAP	\$231 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$431 Child MAP
9	\$269 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$469 Child MAP	\$241 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$441 Child MAP	\$254 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$454 Child MAP	\$230 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$430 Child MAP
10	\$275 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$475 Child MAP	\$244 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$444 Child MAP	\$262 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$462 Child MAP	\$229 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$429 Child MAP

CWDs shall use the figures noted as “Child MAP” to determine if the amount of child support is greater than the amount the child would receive for CalWORKs (Please note for simplicity, income would not be a factor and a straight MAP would be used).

If the amount of child support received is greater than the “Child MAP” for the child’s AU size with the child included, region and AU type, the child is able to participate in Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant if all other conditions are met.

Example 1, the child resides in Region 1. The AU size would be 3 with the child included. It is a non-exempt AU so the base Child MAP for the child is \$244.00, adding the \$200.00 child support “passthrough” or “disregard”, the total child MAP is \$444.00. The child receives \$450.00 in child support. Therefore, the child can participate if they meet the other required conditions because they receive more than \$444.00 in child support.

Example 2, same scenario as above except the child receives only \$350.00 in child support. The child cannot participate because the child support is less than the \$444.00 child MAP.

**Child Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) Chart Effective October 1, 2023**

**Multiple Children Participating in Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option**

**Multi-child opt-in to Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option is not available for an AU size of two. At least one CalWORKs aided child must be in the AU**

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<p align="center"><b>3</b></p> <p>For a child in this AU size to participate, the adult(s) cannot be aided. The remaining AU member must be a CalWORKs eligible step or half-sibling.</p>	Child 1 \$274 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$474 Child MAP  Child 2 \$229 Child MAP	Child 1 \$244 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$444 Child MAP  Child 2 \$195 Child MAP	Child 1 \$260 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$460 Child MAP  Child 2 \$216 Child MAP	Child 1 \$231 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$431 Child MAP  Child 2 \$188 Child MAP
<p align="center"><b>4</b></p> <p>If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of two children can opt into Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU</p>	Child 1 \$264 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$464 Child MAP  Child 2 \$274 Child MAP  Child 3 \$229 Child MAP	Child 1 \$241 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$441 Child MAP  Child 2 \$244 Child MAP  Child 3 \$195 Child MAP	Child 1 \$250 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$450 Child MAP  Child 2 \$260 Child MAP  Child 3 \$216 Child MAP	Child 1 \$230 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$430 Child MAP  Child 2 \$231 Child MAP  Child 3 \$188 Child MAP
<p align="center"><b>5</b></p> <p>If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of three children can opt into Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU</p>	Child 1 \$270 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$470 Child MAP  Child 2 \$264 Child MAP  Child 3 \$274 Child MAP  Child 4 \$229 Child MAP	Child 1 \$242 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$442 Child MAP  Child 2 \$241 Child MAP  Child 3 \$244 Child MAP  Child 4 \$195 Child MAP	Child 1 \$259 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$459 Child MAP  Child 2 \$250 Child MAP  Child 3 \$260 Child MAP  Child 4 \$216 Child MAP	Child 1 \$231 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$431 Child MAP  Child 2 \$230 Child MAP  Child 3 \$231 Child MAP  Child 4 \$188 Child MAP
<p align="center"><b>6</b></p> <p>If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of four children can opt into Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU</p>	Child 1 \$273 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$473 Child MAP  Child 2 \$270 Child MAP  Child 3 \$264 Child MAP  Child 4 \$274 Child MAP  Child 5 \$229 Child MAP	Child 1 \$242 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$442 Child MAP  Child 2 \$242 Child MAP  Child 3 \$241 Child MAP  Child 4 \$244 Child MAP  Child 5 \$195 Child MAP	Child 1 \$259 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$459 Child MAP  Child 2 \$259 Child MAP  Child 3 \$250 Child MAP  Child 4 \$260 Child MAP  Child 5 \$216 Child MAP	Child 1 \$230 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$430 Child MAP  Child 2 \$231 Child MAP  Child 3 \$230 Child MAP  Child 4 \$231 Child MAP  Child 5 \$188 Child MAP
<p align="center"><b>7</b></p> <p>If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of five children can opt into Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU</p>	Child 1 \$271 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$471 Child MAP  Child 2 \$273 Child MAP  Child 3 \$270 Child MAP	Child 1 \$243 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$443 Child MAP  Child 2 \$242 Child MAP  Child 3 \$242 Child MAP	Child 1 \$255 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$455 Child MAP  Child 2 \$259 Child MAP  Child 3 \$259 Child MAP	Child 1 \$230 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$430 Child MAP  Child 2 \$230 Child MAP  Child 3 \$231 Child MAP



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8 If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of six children can opt into Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU	Child 1 \$273 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$473 Child MAP Child 2 \$271 Child MAP Child 3 \$273 Child MAP Child 4 \$270 Child MAP Child 5 \$264 Child MAP Child 6 \$274 Child MAP Child 7 \$229 Child MAP	Child 1 \$243 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$443 Child MAP Child 2 \$243 Child MAP Child 3 \$242 Child MAP Child 4 \$242 Child MAP Child 5 \$241 Child MAP Child 6 \$244 Child MAP Child 7 \$195 Child MAP	Child 1 \$262 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$462 Child MAP Child 2 \$255 Child MAP Child 3 \$259 Child MAP Child 4 \$259 Child MAP Child 5 \$250 Child MAP Child 6 \$260 Child MAP Child 7 \$216 Child MAP	Child 1 \$231 Base Child MAP +200 CS Disregard \$431 Child MAP Child 2 \$230 Child MAP Child 3 \$230 Child MAP Child 4 \$231 Child MAP Child 5 \$230 Child MAP Child 6 \$231 Child MAP Child 7 \$188 Child MAP
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	Child 2	\$269 Child MAP	Child 2	\$241 Child MAP	Child 2	\$259 Child MAP	Child 2	\$230 Child MAP
	Child 3	\$273 Child MAP	Child 3	\$243 Child MAP	Child 3	\$262 Child MAP	Child 3	\$231 Child MAP
	Child 4	\$271 Child MAP	Child 4	\$243 Child MAP	Child 4	\$255 Child MAP	Child 4	\$230 Child MAP
	Child 5	\$273 Child MAP	Child 5	\$242 Child MAP	Child 5	\$259 Child MAP	Child 5	\$230 Child MAP
	Child 6	\$270 Child MAP	Child 6	\$242 Child MAP	Child 6	\$259 Child MAP	Child 6	\$231 Child MAP
	Child 7	\$264 Child MAP	Child 7	\$241 Child MAP	Child 7	\$250 Child MAP	Child 7	\$230 Child MAP
	Child 8	\$274 Child MAP	Child 8	\$244 Child MAP	Child 8	\$260 Child MAP	Child 8	\$231 Child MAP
	Child 9	\$229 Child MAP	Child 9	\$195 Child MAP	Child 9	\$216 Child MAP	Child 9	\$188 Child MAP

Counties shall use the figures noted as “Child MAP” to determine if the amount of child support is greater than the amount the child would receive for CalWORKs when the parent/caretaker relative has requested to have more than one child participate in Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option (Please note for simplicity the California Department of Social Services made the decision that income would not be a factor and a straight MAP would be used).

If the amount of child support received is greater than the “Child MAP” for the child’s AU size with the child included, region and AU type, the child may participate in Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option if all other conditions are met.

Counties and the parent/caretaker relative may use the child support received by each child to determine who to assign as child 1, child 2 etc., when the children are opting into Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option at the same time based on the amount of child support it takes to meet the eligibility threshold for the child in the AU size/type/region and assignment of child order (child 1, child 2 etc.).

## STATE LAW CHANGES MAXIMUM AID PAYMENT (MAP) LEVELS FOR CASH AID RECIPIENTS

As of October 1, 2023, the MAP levels for all cash aid families will go up.

You will get a Notice of Action (NOA) in September showing your new aid amount starting October 1.

### CalFresh Changes:

Most families get less CalFresh benefits when they get more cash aid. You will get a separate notice if your CalFresh benefits will be changing.

### New MAP Tables:

#### New MAP table for Region 1, Exempt

Person(s) on aid	Old MAP	New MAP	Increase in MAP
1	\$779	\$807	\$28
2	\$1,000	\$1,036	\$36
3	\$1,264	\$1,310	\$46
4	\$1,519	\$1,574	\$55
5	\$1,780	\$1,844	\$64
6	\$2,043	\$2,117	\$74
7	\$2,305	\$2,388	\$83
8	\$2,569	\$2,661	\$92
9	\$2,828	\$2,930	\$102
10 or more	\$3,094	\$3,205	\$111

#### New MAP table for Region 1, Non-Exempt

Person(s) on aid	Old MAP	New MAP	Increase in MAP
1	\$707	\$732	\$25
2	\$895	\$927	\$32
3	\$1,130	\$1,171	\$41
4	\$1,363	\$1,412	\$49
5	\$1,597	\$1,654	\$57
6	\$1,830	\$1,896	\$66
7	\$2,065	\$2,139	\$74
8	\$2,299	\$2,382	\$83
9	\$2,532	\$2,623	\$91
10 or more	\$2,767	\$2,867	\$100

#### New MAP table for Region 2, Exempt

Person(s) on aid	Old MAP	New MAP	Increase in MAP
1	\$741	\$768	\$27
2	\$950	\$984	\$34
3	\$1,201	\$1,244	\$43
4	\$1,442	\$1,494	\$52
5	\$1,692	\$1,753	\$61
6	\$1,942	\$2,012	\$70
7	\$2,188	\$2,267	\$79
8	\$2,441	\$2,529	\$88
9	\$2,686	\$2,783	\$97
10 or more	\$2,939	\$3,045	\$106

#### New MAP table for Region 2, Non-Exempt

Person(s) on aid	Old MAP	New MAP	Increase in MAP
1	\$669	\$693	\$24
2	\$850	\$881	\$31
3	\$1,073	\$1,112	\$39
4	\$1,295	\$1,342	\$47
5	\$1,518	\$1,573	\$55
6	\$1,740	\$1,803	\$63
7	\$1,962	\$2,033	\$71
8	\$2,185	\$2,264	\$79
9	\$2,407	\$2,494	\$87
10 or more	\$2,628	\$2,723	\$95

# NOTICE OF ACTION

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Notice Date : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Case Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Case Number : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Worker Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Worker Number : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

(ADDRESSEE)


Questions? Ask your Worker.

**State Hearing: If you think this action is wrong, you can ask for a hearing. Page 3 tells you how. Your benefits may not be changed if you ask for a hearing before this action takes place.**

**Medi-Cal:** This notice DOES NOT change or stop Medi-Cal Benefits. **Keep using your plastic Benefits Identification Card(s).** You will get another notice telling you about any changes to your health benefits.

**CalFresh:** This notice DOES NOT stop or change your CalFresh benefits. You will get a separate notice telling you about any changes to your CalFresh benefits.

Receiving Medi-Cal and/or CalFresh only DOES NOT count against your cash aid time limits.

**Rules:** These rules apply; you may review them at your welfare office: MPP Sections 44-315

**Monthly Cash Aid Amount**

**Section A. Countable Income,**  
**Month of \_\_\_\_\_**

- 1. Self-Employment Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Self-Employment Expenses:
  - a. 40% Standard - \_\_\_\_\_
  - OR
  - b. Actual - \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Net Earnings from Self-Employment = \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Total Disability-Based Unearned Income (DBI) (Assistance Unit + Non-Assistance Unit Members) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \$600 DBI Disregard (if #4 is greater than \$600) - \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Nonexempt Unearned Disability-Based Income = \_\_\_\_\_
- OR
- 7. Unused DBI Disregard = \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Net Earnings from Self-Employment (from above) + \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Total Other Earned Income + \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Unused Amount of \$600 (from #7) - \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Subtotal** = \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Earned Income Disregard 50% - \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Subtotal** = \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. Nonexempt Unearned Disability-Based Income (from #6) + \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Subtotal** = \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Other Nonexempt Income (Assistance Unit + Non-Assistance Unit Members) + \_\_\_\_\_
- Net Countable Income** = \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B. Your Cash Aid,**  
**Month of \_\_\_\_\_**

- 1. Maximum Aid \_\_\_\_\_ Persons (Assistance Unit + Non-Assistance Unit Members) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Special Needs (Assistance Unit + Non-Assistance Unit Members) + \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Net Countable Income from Section A - \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Subtotal** (if negative, enter 0) = \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Maximum Aid \_\_\_\_\_ Persons (Assistance Unit only) (Excluding Penalized Persons) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Special Needs (Assistance Unit only) + \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Maximum Aid Subtotal = \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Full Month Aid Subtotal** (Lowest Amount on Line 4 or 7) = \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Line 8 Prorated for Part of Month = \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Adjustments:
  - 25% Child Support Penalty(ies) - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other Penalties - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Overpayment - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Cal-Learn Penalties - \_\_\_\_\_
  - School Bonus (\$100 or \$500) + \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Monthly Cash Aid Amount** (Line 8 or 9 Adjusted) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUR HEARING RIGHTS

**You have the right to ask for a hearing if you disagree with any county action. You have only 90 days to ask for a hearing. The 90 days started the day after the county gave or mailed you this notice. If you have good cause as to why you were not able to file for a hearing within the 90 days, you may still file for a hearing. If you provide good cause, a hearing may still be scheduled.**

### **If you ask for a hearing before an action on Cash Aid, Medi-Cal, CalFresh, or Child Care takes place:**

- Your Cash Aid or Medi-Cal will stay the same while you wait for a hearing.
- Your Child Care Services may stay the same while you wait for a hearing.
- Your CalFresh benefits will stay the same until the hearing or the end of your certification period, whichever is earlier.

**If the hearing decision says we are right, you will owe us for any extra Cash Aid, CalFresh or Child Care Services you got.** To let us lower or stop your benefits before the hearing, check below:

Yes, lower or stop:  Cash Aid  CalFresh  
 Child Care

### **While You Wait for a Hearing Decision for:**

#### **Welfare to Work:**

You do not have to take part in the activities.

You may receive child care payments for employment and for activities approved by the county before this notice.

If we told you your other supportive services payments will stop, you will not get any more payments, even if you go to your activity.

If we told you we will pay your other supportive services, they will be paid in the amount and in the way we told you in this notice.

- To get those supportive services, you must go to the activity the county told you to attend.

- If the amount of supportive services the county pays while you wait for a hearing decision is not enough to allow you to participate, you can stop going to the activity.

#### **Cal-Learn:**

- You cannot participate in the Cal-Learn Program if we told you we cannot serve you.
- We will only pay for Cal-Learn supportive services for an approved activity.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### **Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Members:**

The action on this notice may stop you from getting services from your managed care health plan. You may wish to contact your health plan membership services if you have questions.

**Child and/or Medical Support:** The local child support agency will help collect support at no cost even if you are not on cash aid. If they now collect support for you, they will keep doing so unless you tell them in writing to stop. They will send you current support money collected but will keep past due money collected that is owed to the county.

**Family Planning:** Your welfare office will give you information when you ask for it.

**Hearing File:** If you ask for a hearing, the State Hearing Division will set up a file. You have the right to see this file before your hearing and to get a copy of the county's written position on your case at least two days before the hearing. The state may give your hearing file to the Welfare Department and the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture. **(W&I Code Sections 10850 and 10950.)**

## TO ASK FOR A HEARING:

- **Fill out this page.**
- Make a copy of the front and back of this page for your records. If you ask, your worker will get you a copy of this page.
- **Send or take this page to:**

**OR**

- **Call toll free: 1-800-952-5253** or for hearing or speech impaired who use TDD, 1-800-952-8349.

**To Get Help: You can ask about your hearing rights or for a legal aid referral at the toll-free state phone numbers listed above.** You may get free legal help at your local legal aid or welfare rights office.

**If you do not want to go to the hearing alone, you can bring a friend or someone with you.**

### HEARING REQUEST

I want a hearing due to an action by the Welfare Department of \_\_\_\_\_ County about my:  Cash Aid  CalFresh  Medi-Cal  Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Here's Why:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If you need more space, check here and add a page.**

I need the state to provide me with an interpreter at no cost to me. (A relative or friend cannot interpret for you at the hearing.)

My language or dialect is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Whose Benefits Were Denied, Changed or Stopped		Date of Birth	Phone Number
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Signature			Date
Name of Person Completing This Form			Phone Number

**I want the person named below to represent me at this hearing. I give my permission for this person to see my records or go to the hearing for me. (This person can be a friend or relative but cannot interpret for you.)**

Name		Phone Number	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code