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Effective Date:

06/01/19

Background:

Effective June 1, 2019, California is reversing cash-out policy and expanding CalFresh eligibility to individuals who receive SSI/SSP, provided they meet all other eligibility criteria.

SNB is a state-funded nutrition benefit program intended for existing CalFresh households negatively impacted by the reversal of cash-out policies. (63-330) SNB will provide households with additional nutrition benefits to offset the reduction of CalFresh benefits.

Purpose:

This section details the impacts of the SNB Program when determining eligibility, as of the implementation date, for existing households that include at least one SSI/SSP recipient.

Policy:

63-331.1 Eligibility to SNB

Households are eligible for SNB if they are both:

- Receiving CalFresh benefits, include at least one excluded SSI/SSP recipient on the implementation date (June 1, 2019); **and**
- Experience a CalFresh benefit reduction when the previously excluded SSI/SSP recipient(s) is added to the household **on the effective date**.

Note: The benefit reduction is not required to be caused solely as a result of adding the previously excluded SSI/SSP recipient to the household.

63-331.2 SNB Household Effective Date

The effective date for existing households will be the household's next periodic report, recertification* or when voluntarily requested by the household, on or after the implementation date.

*Including recertification of Transitional CalFresh (TCF) cases.

63-331.3 Households Not Eligible to SNB

- Households that include an SSI/SSP recipient and experience a benefit reduction *after* the household's effective date.
- The household's only SSI/SSP recipient at the household's effective date is not the same SSI/SSP recipient(s) excluded from the household on the implementation date.
- Households that include only an SSI/SSP recipient in suspense status (not receiving SSI/SSP benefits) receiving CalFresh benefits on the implementation date.
- Households that lose CalFresh eligibility, also lose SNB eligibility.
- Households that are eligible for and receive TNB Program benefits **will not**, at any time, be eligible for SNB Program benefits.

63-331.4 Household Reporting/Recertification

- SNB eligible households are not required to make any SNB specific mid-period or mid-certification reports.
- If you discover the household no longer includes at least one of the same SSI/SSP recipients excluded from the household on the implementation date, discontinue SNB eligibility, mid period, at the periodic report, or at recertification.

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- SNB eligibility will be re-determined at CalFresh recertification.

63-331.5 Restoration

- Restore without proration, an SNB eligible household's benefits when CalFresh benefits are restored following discontinuance for failure to provide necessary documentation or information.

63-331.6 SNB Benefit Issuance

- The amount of benefits issued monthly to each eligible household will be based on the benefit table. (See Table in 63-1105)
- The benefit level is assigned to the eligible household permanently, based on circumstances on the effective date, as long as they remain eligible to the SNB Program.
- The benefits cannot be prorated. A full month's SNB Program benefit will be issued for the month that the prorated CalFresh benefits are issued. (e.g.: At CalFresh Restoration)
- The monthly benefit will be made available in the EBT account based on the last digit of the household's case number at the time of the effective date.

Exception: A victim of domestic violence who was included as a member of a household that also includes the abuser, but who was assigned a new case number in order to receive benefits as a separate household. SNB eligibility may be transferred to the new household if it includes at least one of the same SSI/SSP recipients excluded from the household on the implementation date.

63-331.7 SNB Program InterCounty Transfers (ICT)

- Transfer SNB Program benefits along with the household's CalFresh to the new county of residence.
- Do not terminate SNB Program benefits as a result of an ICT.

63-331.8 SNB Benefit Use, Account Aging and Expungement

- SNB benefits can be used the same way that CalFresh benefits can be used.
- SNB benefits are subject to existing EBT account aging and expungement rules.
- Expunged SNB benefits will **not** be reinstated.

Procedure:

Processing Guides 330-01 and 331-01

Program Impact/s:

Appeals

SNB households have the right to appeal actions taken on their case and benefits may be issued as a result of an appeal or a hearing decision. However, SNB benefits cannot be issued as Aid Paid Pending (APP) an appeal.

Automation

CalWIN will be updated with Release 57

Other Programs Affected

SNB Program benefits are nutrition benefits and will not be considered income for any means-tested program, including but not limited to, CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, General Relief and SSI/SSP.

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Quality Control

Quality Control will cite the appropriate error when regulations cited in this program material have not been followed.

References:

All County Letters (ACL) 18-90, 18-90E, 18-91, 18-108, 18-131, 19-03, 19-12, 19-15 and 19-15E

All County Information Notice I-80-18

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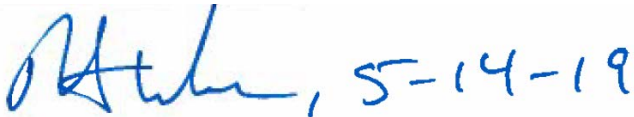
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Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance on or by 05/30/22

Approval for Release:



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