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Background:
Transitional Nutrition Benefit (TNB) is a state-funded program offered to CalFresh (CF) recipients who are negatively impacted by the CF program expansion to Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) recipients.

Purpose:
This section includes policy information related to the eligibility for TNB. This section is being revised to include changes to the recertification and restoration timeframe. Effective November 2021, all TNB recertifications will be paused for two years to implement the necessary automation.

Policy:
As of June 1, 2019, previously excluded SSI/SSP recipients were added to active CF cases. If at that time the newly added SSI/SSP recipient caused ineligibility, then the household (HH) is eligible to TNB. The date that the HH becomes TNB eligible will be known as the effective date. TNB is not considered as income. TNB can be used the same way as CF benefits and is subject to existing Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) account aging and expungement rules. The following circumstances make a HH ineligible to TNB:

- Discontinuance for not complying with the CF recertification process
- Supplemental Nutrition Benefits (SNB) eligible HHs
- SSI/SSP recipients in suspense status receiving CF benefits on the implementation date
- Non-California residents
- HH that no longer includes the SSI/SSP recipient(s)

Note: TNB HHs are not required to make any TNB mid-period reports. HHs that regain eligibility for regular CF, will be discontinued from TNB, and eligibility cannot be re-established.

1. **Benefit Levels:**
TNB is a fixed benefit level determined by HH size. Refer to the Eligibility Standards Table in 63-1101.9. TNB benefits cannot be prorated. The monthly benefit will be made available in the EBT account based on the last digit of the HH's case number at the time of the effective date.

2. **Certification/Recertification:**
The TNB initial and recertification period will be 12-months. The Notice of Recertification for the TNB Program (TNB 4) is also the Notice of Expiration of Certification (NEC). The TNB Program recertification process does not require an interview. The TNB 4 must be sent to the HH at least 45 days before the certification period expires. The TNB 4 must be completed by the 15th day of the last month of the certification period to be considered timely.

If the HH ...	Then send a reminder notice and if a complete form is not received by the end of the certification period ...
submits an incomplete recertification form,	discontinue the TNB.
fails to submit a complete recertification form,	discontinue the TNB.

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Recertification changes will be treated as follows:

If the TNB 4 includes ...	Then ...
a new address, outside of CA,	discontinue the TNB.
a new address, outside of San Diego,	evaluate for continuing TNB and initiate an Inter-County Transfer.
no changes,	evaluate for continuing TNB.
changes and a CF application is attached,	complete a CF evaluation before determining continuing TNB.

3. Restoration of TNB Benefits:

Restoration of TNB benefits is limited to HH's that lose eligibility due to failure to provide. HH's will have 90 days from the date of discontinuance to have their TNB benefits restored. If the HH complies within the 90-day timeframe, benefits will be restored without proration. Staff must attempt to contact the HH to complete the recertification prior to the end of the 90-day restoration period.

If the HH submits ...	Then ...
a complete recertification form in the month after the certification period ends,	evaluate for continuing TNB.
an incomplete recertification form in the month after the certification period ends,	contact the HH to inform them that the form is incomplete and what is needed to complete it.

References:

- All County Letters (ACL) 18-90, 18-90E, 18-92, 18-107, 18-131, 19-03, 19-12, 19-15, 19-15E, and 21-131
- All County Information Notice I-80-18
- MPP 63-402.226
- CFR 273.1(b)(7)(ii)
- Assembly Bill 1811

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance on or by 01/31/2025

Approval for Release:



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