

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

Social Security Administration (SSA) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and the Impact to Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

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Effective Date:

January 1, 2021

Background:

On January 1 of each year, all SSI recipients receive a COLA. The State Supplementary Payment (SSP) amount may also change at this time. However, counties cannot accurately apply a percentage-based COLA to existing SSI/SSP payment information. The Statewide Automated Welfare Systems (SAWS) are working to automatically update SSI/SSP income on existing cases along with the annual SSA COLA. The SAWS currently plan to implement this change effective with the 2022 SSA COLA.

Policy:

The amount of the SSI/SSP income received by CalFresh recipients will be reviewed and updated at the household's next semi-annual report or recertification, whichever comes first.

Program Impacts:

No impact

References:

ACIN I-88-20 and I-88-20E

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by December 31, 2021.

Approval for Release:



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