

CalFresh Updates

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Eligibility Operations

Semi-Annual Reporting

- CalWORKs and CalFresh cases began conversion August 10, 2013
- Conversion will be completed by October 1, 2013
- Communication has been issued to clients and will continue through January 2014
- All eligibility staff trained
- SAR Overview provided to CalFresh Taskforce

Update on Challenges

- SAR Forms Revision - Several forms are pending final issuance by the state
- SAR Clarifications - Numerous program questions are still pending official response from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- SAR Automation - CalWIN automation instructions were issued to staff

CalFresh COLA

- The Food Stamp Act of 1977 provides annual Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)
 - Allotments, certain deductions and eligibility standards
 - Effective October 1
- COLA 2013-2014
 - The Gross and Net income limits and some deductions for CalFresh will increase slightly.
 - The maximum allotments remain unchanged as a result of ARRA.
 - CalFresh recipients will be notified by a mass informing notice in September, 2013.

End of ARRA

- Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), maximum allotments were raised by 13.6% of the June 2008 value and could not fall below this level. This provision ends effective November 1, 2013.
- As a result, maximum allotments will decrease by approximately 5.4% (e.g.: the maximum allotment for a household of 4 will decrease from \$668 to \$632, a decrease of \$36 or 5.4%).

Summary

- Due to the ARRA ending, States must adjust all household allotments twice this year:
 - COLA effective October 1, 2013
 - End of ARRA benefit increase effective November 1, 2013

Note: Because these are statutory provisions, they cannot be waived or consolidated into one effective date.

Income Guideline Changes

Household (HH) SIZE	Gross Monthly Income Through 10/31/13	Gross Monthly Income Effective 11/1/13	CHANGE
1	\$1,211	\$1,245	\$34
2	1,640	1,681	41
3	2,069	2,116	47
4	2,498	2,552	54
5	2,927	2,987	60
6	3,356	3,423	67
7	3,785	3,858	73
8	4,214	4,294	80
Addl Members	Add \$429	Add \$436	

Maximum Allotment Changes

Household (HH) SIZE	MAX ALLOTMENT Through 10/31/13	MAX ALLOTMENT Effective 11/1/13	CHANGE
1	\$200	\$189	\$11
2	367	347	20
3	526	497	29
4	668	632	36
5	793	750	43
6	952	900	52
7	1,052	995	57
8	1,202	1,137	65
Addl Members	Add \$150	Add \$142	