

# Hunger Action LA

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# Reversing the SSI Cash-Out Policy

**Total CalFresh Household Impacted: 494,100**

- Newly Eligible and Projected to Participate: 369,000 households
- Existing CalFresh and experience an increase in benefits: 44,800 households
- Existing CalFresh and experience a decrease in benefits/SNB Eligible: 73,200 households
- Existing CalFresh and experience a loss of eligibility/ TNB Eligible: 7,100 households

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- Projected average monthly caseload in FY 18/19: 15,090 individuals



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## Implementation:

- Effective June 1, 2019 or no later than August 1, 2019, individuals receiving SSI/SSP are eligible for CalFresh, provided that all other eligibility criteria are met.
- California will implement the policy change for newly eligible CalFresh households ( i.e. those in which all members are SSI/SSP recipients) as of the implementation date moving forward. Newly eligible households can apply anytime after the implementation date.
- For existing CalFresh households ( i.e. those receiving CalFresh with an excluded SSI/SSP recipient member at the time of implementation)., California will implement the policy change on a rolling basis at the household's next periodic report, recertification, or when voluntarily



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- As a result of this policy change, SSI/SSP recipients will become included household members and their income, resources, and deductions must be considered when determining CalFresh eligibility.
- SSI/SSP recipients will be determined CalFresh eligible under current rules for “elderly and/or disabled” CalFresh recipients.
- Newly eligible SSI-only households are categorically eligible for CalFresh.
- Newly eligible SSI-only households applying within the first six months of implementation, will be assigned a shortened certification period ( between 19-35 months) in order to stagger the influx of periodic reports and recertifications 2 to 3 years from implementation.

**NOTE:** The SSI/SSP grant will not decrease as a result of this policy change.



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## Important Policy Reminders for Households with an “Elderly or Disabled” Member

- Excess Medical and Standard Medical Deduction
- Uncapped Excess Shelter Deduction
- Gross Income Test
- Dependent Care Deduction
- Reasonable Accommodations & Use of Authorized Representatives



# Supplemental Nutrition Benefit (SNB)

- The SNB Program will provide supplemental state-funded nutrition benefits to CalFresh households that experience a CalFresh benefit reduction at the time of implementation of the reversal of the SSI cash-out policy.

## SNB Program Eligibility

1. CalFresh household with at least one excluded SSI/SSP recipient member on June 1,2019.
1. CalFresh household with at least one same excluded SSI/ SSP recipient member at households effective date and
2. Household remains CalFresh eligible



# Transitional Nutrition Benefits (TNB)

- The TNB Program will provide transitional state-funded nutrition benefits to CalFresh households that experience an eligibility loss at the time of implementation of the reversal of the cash-out policy.

## TNB Program Eligibility

1. CalFresh household with at least one excluded SSI/SSP recipient member on June 1, 2019.
2. CalFresh household with at least one same excluded SSI/ SSP recipient member at households effective date and
3. Household becomes ineligible for CalFresh

