

SSI CalFresh Expansion

As of June 2019, SSI recipients can be eligible for CalFresh!

If your client receives SSI, he/she could receive additional money through CalFresh

- SSI benefits will NOT be reduced or eliminated because of this change.
- SSI recipients living alone or with another person not currently receiving CalFresh will likely be eligible for benefits and will need to apply for CalFresh.
- SSI recipients living with others already receiving CalFresh will automatically be enrolled in the program between June and December 2019.

Eligibility Scenarios for SSI Recipients

1. SSI recipients living alone or with another person not receiving CalFresh – Apply for CalFresh!

Most SSI recipients and couples living on their own will be newly eligible for CalFresh. If approved, they will receive an EBT card with CalFresh food benefits loaded monthly.

2. SSI recipients living in households with more than one person and not currently receiving CalFresh may be eligible based on household circumstances and income – Consider applying for CalFresh!

If they live in a household with more than one person and your household does not currently receive CalFresh, they can still apply!

- If they would like to purchase food separately, they may be able to apply as their own household.
- If they purchase and prepare food with the rest of the household, they can apply with the rest of the household members.

3. SSI recipients living in households with members already receiving CalFresh will see similar levels or an increase in benefits – If they live with people who already receive CalFresh, they do not have to apply again. CalFresh eligibility will be AUTOMATICALLY determined.

- **If adding the SSI recipient to the household increases the amount of benefits the household is eligible for**, that amount will be added to the benefits already received on the existing EBT card.
- **In the case that including SSI income would reduce the overall amount of CalFresh benefits** the household is eligible for, the household will continue receiving CalFresh benefits by receiving a Supplemental Nutritional Benefit on the existing EBT card as long as it continues to submit timely semi-annual reports and annual recertifications.
- **In the case that including SSI income would make the household over income and ineligible for CalFresh**, the household will continue receiving CalFresh benefits by receiving a Transitional Nutritional Benefit on the existing EBT card as long as it continues to submit timely semi-annual reports and annual recertifications.

Important Considerations

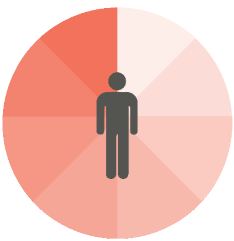
Shelter and medical cost deductions will play a critical role in helping clients maximize their benefit amounts. If possible, help SSI recipients get their full benefits by assisting them in gathering documentation of these costs before they apply.

Applying for CalFresh is Easy! Turn the page over to learn where and how to apply for CalFresh.

APPLY ONLINE WWW.GETCALFRESH.ORG



APPLY OVER THE PHONE
BY CALLING 2-1-1



APPLY IN PERSON AT A COUNTY OFFICE
OR WITH ANY OF THESE NONPROFITS:



For more information on locations and hours of operation, please visit:

sdhunger.org/calfresh-assistance