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Eligibility for CalFresh Expanded to Include SSI/SSP Recipients

(Woodland, CA) – Effective June 1, 2019, the State of California expanded the eligibility qualifications for CalFresh benefits (also known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP) to include recipients of Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payments (SSI/SSP). CalFresh provides monthly food benefits to individuals and families through the issuance of an Electronic Benefits Card (EBT) that can be used similar to a debit card at participating stores to buy nutritious foods. SSI/SSP is a State and federally funded program that provide income support to eligible individuals who are aged 65 or older, blind or disabled.

Prior to June 1, anyone receiving SSI/SSP benefits was automatically excluded from participating in CalFresh. Due to this change in State regulations, an estimated 5,500 residents in Yolo County are now eligible. SSI/SSP monthly payment amounts did not change with this new policy and will not be lowered if applicants are approved for CalFresh.

“This recent CalFresh expansion meets a tremendous need to expand food security resources to elderly and disabled populations in Yolo County,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Don Saylor. “This will help many who live on a fixed income and experience food insecurity on a regular basis.”

In Yolo County, CalFresh benefits are administered by the Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) and anyone interested can apply in-person, online or by mail or fax.

- To apply in person: visit one of our Service Center offices in Davis, West Sacramento, Winters or Woodland (25 N Cottonwood Street, Woodland, CA 95695; 500A Jefferson Boulevard, Suite A, West Sacramento, CA 95605; 111 East Grant AVE, Winters, CA 95694; 600 A Street, Davis, CA 95616).
- To apply online: visit www.mybenefitscalwin.org or www.getCalFresh.org.
- To apply by mail or fax: call our office at (855) 278-1594 and an application will be sent out.

The application process involves three steps, including completing an application, attending an interview over the phone or in person, and providing proof of income and/or expenses if needed.

SSI/SSP recipients who have other household members on CalFresh do not need to apply. In order to be added onto their family’s case, the household can call: (855) 278-1594 or come into an office to make the request. If no request is made, HHSA will automatically add the SSI/SSP recipient onto CalFresh at the upcoming semi-annual report or recertification.

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