COUNTY OF MERCED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL **SERVICES**

NOTICE DATE: CASE NAME: CASE NUMBER: WORKER NAME: WORKER ID: TELEPHONE NUMBER: CUSTOMER ID:

CALFRESH NOTICE OF **APPROVAL**

YOUR APPLICATION FOR CALFRESH BENEFITS HAS BEEN APPROVED. Your initial amount of benefits is: \$199.00 for 07/2023. Your benefit amount per month for the rest of your certification period will be \$281.00 from 08/01/2023 through 06/30/2024.

IF YOU ALSO APPLIED FOR CASH AID, and it has not yet been approved, your CalFresh benefits may be lowered or stopped without another notice if your cash aid is approved.

- $\label{eq:continuous}$ Your first month's benefits were prorated from the date you filled your application.
- **BECAUSE YOU RECEIVED CALFRESH BENEFITS** RIGHT AWAY, we did not require you to give us the following verification: Income, **Employment** Information

You must give us this verification before 08/09/2023 or your CalFresh eligibility will stop. You will not get another notice. If the verification you send changes your eligibility or benefits, we will make the change. You will not get an advance notice before we take this action.

Rules: These rules apply; you may review them at your local welfare office: 63-301.32, 63-301.51

Questions? Ask your worker.

State Hearing: If you think this action is wrong, you can ask for a hearing. The back page tells you how. Your benefits may not be changed if you ask for a hearing before this action takes place.

CalFresh Budget

Report Month 07/2023

Household Size 1

Total Countable Earned Income

Adjusted Countable Earned Income \$544.00 Total Countable Unearned Income \$0.00 Net Countable Income \$544.00 Standard Deduction \$193.00 Dependent Care \$0.00

Homeless Shelter Deduction \$0.00 Excess Medical Expense for Aged/Disabled \$0.00 Total Deductions

\$193.00

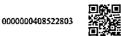
Preliminary Adjusted Income **Housing Expenses Utility Expenses** Adjusted Net Income

\$351.00 \$175.50 \$560.00 \$0.00

\$680.00

CalFresh Allotment Less Overissuance Total CalFresh Allotment \$199.00 -\$0.00 =\$199.00

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YOUR HEARING RIGHTS

You have the right to ask for a hearing if you disagree with any county action. You have only 90 days to ask for a hearing. The 90 days started the day after the county gave or mailed you this notice. If you have good cause as to why you were not able to file for a hearing within the 90 days, you may still file for a hearing. If you provide good cause, a hearing may still be scheduled.

If you ask for a hearing <u>before</u> an action on Cash Aid, Medi-Cal, CalFresh, or Child Care takes place:

- Your Cash Aid or Medi-Cal will stay the same while you wait for a hearing.
- Your Child Care Services may stay the same while you wait for a hearing.
- Your CalFresh will stay the same until the hearing or the end of your certification period, whichever is earlier.

If the hearing decision says we are right, you will owe us for any extra Cash Aid, CalFresh or Child Care Services you got. To let us lower or stop your benefits before the hearing check below:

Yes, lower or stop:
Cash Aid CalFresh Child Care

While You Wait for a Hearing Decision for: Welfare to Work:

You do not have to take part in the activities.

You may receive child care payments for employment and for activities approved by the county before this notice.

If we told you your other supportive services payments will stop, you will not get any more payments, even if you go to your activity.

If we told you we will pay your other supportive services, they will be paid in the amount and in the way we told you in this notice.

- To get those supportive services, you must go to the activity the county told you to attend.
- If the amount of supportive services the county pays while you wait for a hearing decision is not enough to allow you to participate, you can stop going to the activity.

Cal-Learn:

- You cannot participate in the Cal-Learn Program if we told you we cannot serve you.
- We will only pay for Cal-Learn supportive services for an approved activity.

OTHER INFORMATION

Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Members: This action on this notice may stop you from getting services from your managed care health plan. You may wish to contact your health plan membership services if you have questions.

Child and/or Medical Support: The local child support agency will help collect support at no cost even if you are not on cash aid. If they now collect support for you, they will keep doing so unless you tell them in writing to stop. They will send you current support money collected but will keep past due money collected that is owed to the county.

Family Planning: Your welfare office will give you information when you ask for it.

Hearing File: If you ask for a hearing, the State Hearing Division will set up a file. You have the right to see this file before your hearing and to get a copy of the county's written position on your case at least two days before the hearing. The state may give you hearing file to the Welfare Department and the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture. (W&I Code Sections 10850 and 10950.)

TO ASK FOR A HEARING:

- Fill out this page.
- Make a copy of the front and back of this page for your records. If you ask, your worker will get you a copy of this page.
- Send or take this page to:

Fair Hearing Officer Merced County Human Services Agency 2115 WARDROBE AVE PO Box 112 MERCED, CA 95341-6445

OR

 Call toll free: 1-800-952-5253 or for hearing or speech impaired who use TDD, 1-800-952-8349.

To Get Help: You can ask about your hearing rights or for a legal aid referral at the toll-free state phone numbers listed above. You may get free legal help at your local legal aid or welfare rights office.

Central California Legal Services 1640 N St. Suite 200 MERCED, CA 95340-4819 (209) 723-5466 / Fax: (209)723-1315 Toll Free: (800) 675-8001

If you do not want to go to the hearing alone, you can bring a friend or someone with you.

I want a hearing due to an action by the Welfare Department of

HEARING REQUEST

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For CalFresh, your family size is 1.

Your IRT is \$1,473.00.

Your CalFresh household may be eligible to a State Utility Assistance Subsidy (SUAS) payment. If eligible, the county will award you a \$20.01 SUAS cash payment. This is a one-time per year payment and if eligible it will be put into your cash Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) account. If you do not have a cash EBT account, one will be set up for you on your CalFresh EBT card. You will not have to do anything to get a new card, but you can use it to cover expenses not otherwise covered by CalFresh. This payment allows the county to use the highest utility deduction (Standard Utility Allowance - SUA) for food benefits. You may use this \$20.01 when you use your EBT card. If you want to know more, please contact your local county office.