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CIT Name:	CA-218299/CIV-107689 CalFresh Emergency Allotments for August List Posted
From:	CalSAWS Project
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Description: (Including any step-by-step instructions)	Purpose The purpose of this CIT is to notify LRS and C-IV counties that lists for SCR CA-218299/CIV-107689 have been posted to the CalSAWS Web Portal. Background To increase food benefits in response to COVID-19 and its effects on the economy, California was approved to provide CalFresh (CF) emergency allotments to eligible CF and TCF households. CDSS communicated the approval of CF emergency allotments for the following benefit months: • March and April 2020 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated April 2, 2020 (CalFresh Implementation Of The Families First Coronavirus Response Act: CalFresh Emergency Allotments) • May 2020 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 05/21/2020 • June 2020 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 06/23/2020 • August 2020 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 08/03/2020

All CF and TCF households not already at the maximum allowable allotment based on household size are eligible to receive a CF emergency allotment. Example: A household of 2 received \$150 in CalFresh in April received a \$205 CF emergency allotment on May 9th to bring them up to the maximum allotment amount of \$355 for 2 people.

CF households that previously received the maximum allowable allotment based on household size are not eligible to receive CF emergency allotments.

Additional Information

CalSAWS implemented an automated process to issue the CF emergency allotments for eligible CF and TCF households. The automated process raised each household's regular monthly CF allotment to the maximum allowable allotment based on the household size.

SCR CA-218299/CIV-107689 was implemented on 09/12/2020. This SCR issued emergency CF benefits to CF households who had not already received the maximum benefit allotment for the **June**, **July and August 2020 benefit months**.

Previously, the CF emergency allotments were issued as a 'Supplemental Disaster CalFresh' (Supp DCFP) benefit type on the household's EBT card. However, with SCR CA-218299/CIV-107689 and moving forward, the emergency allotments will be issued as 'Emergency Allotment Food Benefits' (CF03) benefit type.

An automated journal entry was added to all cases receiving a CF emergency allotment.

• June, July and August benefit month emergency allotments generated on September 12th are available to the recipient as of September 13th.

Users will be able to view these emergency allotments on the 'Issuance Detail' page as 'Emergency Allotment' in the Subcategory field; they will also be visible on the 'CalFresh EDBC Summary' page. Since the CF emergency allotments are issued as an Emergency Allotment (CF03) benefit type, County users are <u>not</u> able to issue these emergency allotments through the system manually.

Cases that receive a Validation/Submission error can be found on the 'Issuance Exception Report' and will need to have action taken to avoid a duplicate error in the next run.

NOTE: The next CF emergency allotment batch issuance will occur on October 17, 2020. This run will include the first emergency allotment issuance for September, the 2nd issuance for August, and the 3rd and final issuance for July 2020.

County Action

1. Per your county policy, review the lists of cases that have been affected by the implementation of SCR CA-218299/CIV-107689. The lists can be found at the below location:

	 If case updates are made; add a Journal entry to document case action taken. Validation/Submission Errors must be actioned according to existing County Processes to ensure they are picked up during the September automated process.
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