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CIT Name:	**CA-258280 CalFresh Emergency Allotments for Catch Up Month of January and February 2023 List Posted**
From:	CalSAWS Project

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Description:	**Purpose** The purpose of this CIT is to notify counties that the list for CA-258280 CalFresh Emergency Allotments for Catch Up Month of January and February 2023 has 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 CF emergency allotments to eligible CF and TCF households. CDSS communicated the approval of CalFresh 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 ACDWL dated 05/21/2020July 2020 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 06/23/2020 • August 2020 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 08/03/2020

	• September 2020 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 08/24/2020 • October 2020 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 9/29/2020 • November 2020 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 10/30/2020 • December 2020 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 11/30/2020 • January 2021 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 01/04/2021 • February 2021 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 01/29/2021 • March 2021 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 02/25/2021 • April 2021 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 04/16/2021 • May 2021 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 05/05/2021 • June 2021 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 06/02/2021 • July 2021 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 06/24/2021 • August 2021 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 08/11/2021 • September 2021 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 09/2/2021 • October 2021 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 10/14/2021 • November 2021 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 11/16/2021 • December 2021 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 12/17/2021 • January 2022 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 01/21/2022 • February 2022 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 02/23/2022 • March 2022 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 3/21/2022 • April 2022 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 4/7/2022 • May 2022 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 05/03/2022 • June 2022 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 06/09/2022 • July 2022 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 07/08/2022 • August 2022 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 07/08/2022 • September 2022 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 09/02/2022 • October 2022 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 10/11/2022 • November 2022 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 11/1/2022

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- February 2023 CalFresh emergency allotments through ACWDL dated 2/2/2023

For the benefit months from March 2020-March 2021, 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 two (2) received $150 in CalFresh benefits in April 2020 then received a $205 CF emergency allotment on May 9th to bring them up to the maximum allotment amount of $355 for two (2) people. CF households that previously received the maximum allowable allotment based on household size are not eligible to receive CF emergency allotments.

Effective the April 2021 benefit month and moving forward, all CalFresh households will receive a minimum emergency allotment of $95 per month. This new minimum emergency allotment applies regardless of household size:

- Households eligible to receive the maximum allowable allotment based on household size are now eligible to receive an emergency allotment of $95 per month.
- Households who are not eligible to receive the maximum allowable allotment based on household size, but whose emergency allotment is less than $95 per month under the previous model, will receive additional CalFresh benefits to raise their emergency allotment to the new $95 minimum.
- Households who were eligible to receive more than $95 per month under the previous model will continue to receive that amount.

SCR CA-258280 CalFresh Emergency Allotments for Catch Up Month of January and February 2023 was implemented on 4/15/2023. This SCR issued emergency CalFresh benefits to CalFresh (CF) Households under the new $95 minimum rules for the January and February 2023 benefit months.

Additional Information

CalSAWS implemented an automated process to issue the CF emergency allotments for eligible CF and TCF households. 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 for January and February 2023 benefit month emergency allotments generated on April 15th are available to the recipient as of April 16th.

Users will be able to view these emergency allotments on the 'Issuance Detail' page as 'Emergency Allotment' in the Subcategory field; the allotments 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 not 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 final CF emergency allotment batch issuance will occur of Saturday, May 6, 2023.** This run will include the final issuance for February 2023. The emergency allotment effort ends with the February 2023 benefit month. **County Action** Per your county policy, review the list of cases that have been affected by the implementation of CA-258280 CalFresh Emergency Allotments for Catch Up Month of January and February 2023 List Posted. The list can be found at the below location: • [redacted] If case updates are made; based on your county policy 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 automated process. If you have questions on this CIT, please reach out to the Primary Contact and cc your Regional Managers.
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