



In Home Supportive Services Advisory Board *News Bulletin*

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Good News!! Cal Fresh Food is expanding to SSI Recipients

What does this mean?

Some seniors and people with disabilities who receive SSI may also receive CalFresh Food Benefits.

What is CalFresh?

(Formerly Food Stamps), CalFresh provides eligible households with an electronic benefits card that works just like a debit card and can be used at most grocery stores and farmers markets to ensure access to healthy foods.

Will it decrease my SSI benefits?

SSI benefits will NOT be reduced or eliminated because of this change.

Do I have to apply? Most SSI recipients will need to apply for CalFresh-either on the phone, on-line or in person at the county social services office.

When is this happening?

Beginning Summer of 2019, individuals receiving or authorized to receive SSI/SSP are eligible for CalFresh, provided all other eligibility criteria are met.

How much are we talking about?

Estimates vary depending on your situation. It has been estimated to be just a few dollars up to over \$100.00.

What do I do?

Keep your eye's on the mail. You should be receiving notice from CDSS and Humboldt County with instructions on what to do and when.

(This article is for information only)



Have you signed up to win?

You still have time. As mentioned in our last several IHSS News *Bulletins* the Advisory Board launched its "Refer a Friend" campaign on June 1, 2018; it will run through June 30, 2019.

If a current Care Provider refers a friend to become a Care Provider, each have an opportunity to WIN a \$50.00 gift card Continued on the back

ELECTRONIC TIMESHEETS



If you did not already know The California Department of Social Services has started a new service that will allow In-Home Supportive Services providers in all California counties the option to submit their timesheets online through a new Electronic Timesheet System. **Use of electronic timesheets is optional and not required at this time.**

The Electronic Timesheet System allows a provider to submit their IHSS/WPCS timesheets online using a tablet, smartphone, laptop or computer instead of receiving and submitting paper timesheets when their recipient(s) opt in to approve timesheets online. This service also allows a provider's timesheets to be reviewed and approved by their recipient(s) using their tablet, smartphone, laptop or computer.

Go to the following website to learn more and watch "how to" video's
<https://www.etimesheets.ihss.ca.gov>
If you need help, please call the Help Desk at 1-866-376-7066

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The person referred must complete the entire enrollment process and get hired by a recipient to be eligible. You still have time to be entered into last two drawings. So- let's be successful and see our network of providers grow...refer a friend! **Call 707 476-2100**

Interested in serving on the IHSS Advisory Committee?

If you are interested in serving on the IHSS Advisory Committee and you are a current or past recipient, a care provider, or a representative from a community-based organization that advocates for individuals with disabilities or seniors, you may be eligible for appointment to the Advisory Committee. **Your voice can make a difference.**

Applications can be picked up from the IHSS office at 605 K Street in Eureka or you can call 707-388-6302 and ask to have one mailed to you.

NEXT EDITION: More information about Cal Fresh and how it might affect you and more on electronic timesheets!

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