CalFresh Expansion for SSI/SSP Recipients

May 2019
CalFresh Food Assistance

- CalFresh provides monthly food benefits for people with low-income (known nationally as SNAP)
- Benefits are issued via EBT card
- Use benefits at grocery stores, farmers markets, and select restaurants
- Average household monthly benefit in San Francisco: $210
New Policy

- Effective June 2019, older adults and people with disabilities receiving SSI/SSP are eligible for CalFresh
- There is NO change or reduction to SSI/SSP benefits
Who Will Benefit

- **Supplemental Security Income (SSI):** Federal program that provides cash assistance to financially eligible people who are 65 or older, blind, or disabled.

- **State Supplementary Payment (SSP):** California’s supplemental payment to SSI recipients to help offset the state’s high cost of living.
History

- California was the only state that did not allow SSI recipients to receive CalFresh
- Assembly Bill 1811 reversed this policy
- Big thanks to the hard work of food and nutrition advocates for making this happen!
Who is Eligible?

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Any household or individual in San Francisco with low or no income who is within the income eligibility limits
- SSI/SSP recipients starting June 2019
- Legal permanent residents and qualified immigrants

CalFresh Benefit Amounts

- $15 - $192 each month
- Based on household size, income, and expenses
- Benefits roll over month to month
CalFresh/EBT Card Perks

• Hot meals at participating restaurants
• Up to $10 in free fresh produce at farmers markets
• Free and discounted admission to local museums
• MUNI passes
SSI Recipients in San Francisco

40,735 SSI RECIPIENTS

54% FEMALE GENDER AT BIRTH

PRIMARY HOUSEHOLD LANGUAGE

- ENGLISH: 52%
- CANTONSESE: 29%
- OTHER API: 6%
- OTHER: 5%
- SPANISH: 5%
- RUSSIAN: 4%
### SSI Recipients in San Francisco

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- **67%** OLDER ADULTS 65+
- **32%** YOUNGER ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES
- **1%** CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

- **45%** CHINESE/API
- **27%** WHITE
- **14%** AFRICAN AMERICAN

- **10%** LATINO/HISPANIC
- **3%** OTHER

*Race/ethnicity data is based on 2016 ACS census estimates. SSI-SDX race/ethnicity data is missing/incomplete.*
SSI Recipients in San Francisco (N=40,735)

Zip codes of residence

As of March 2019. | The map includes 39,472 recipients; an additional 1,263 recipients did not list zip codes (n=1,079), listed out-of-county zip codes (n=81), or listed General Delivery zip codes (n=102).
## HSA Staff: New Hires

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CalFresh Households with SSI Recipients

• No immediate action required

• SSI recipient added to CalFresh case at the next required report

• Very small chance that household benefits may decrease
CalFresh expansion could boost healthy food options for tens of thousands in SF

CalFresh Expansion Could Help 41,000 Low Income Residents in SF

KCBS RADIO: ON-DEMAND
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST

A state program to help low-income residents buy healthy food is expanding. KCBS Radio’s Carrie Hodousek says seniors and people with disabilities will have access to CalFresh beginning June 1.
Community Outreach

May
- Media Kickoff
- Statewide Postcard Mailing
- HSA Community Forums

June
- Press Release
- Enrollment Events Launch
- Digital Partner Toolkit

July
- HSA Postcard Mailing
- Statewide Radio Advertisements

August
- Social Media Campaign Pilot
- Launch 2-1-1 San Diego Phone Campaign

September
- HSA Postcard Mailing

Oct/Nov
- DAAS Provider Presentations

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
Outreach Partners

Department of Aging and Adult Services
Area Agencies on Aging
Homelessness and Supportive Housing

CDSS
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

SF - MARIN
FOOD BANK

mRelief

GetCalFresh.org

CALIFORNIA FOOD"

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
Call to Community Partners

Promote

Spread the word to residents and community organizations

Educate

CBO partner toolkit
Outreach materials
Refer clients to HSA for assistance

Assist

Help prepare expense and income verification
Apply for benefits
GetCalFresh.org
Schedule an enrollment event
Partner Toolkit

EXPANDING CALFRESH TO SSI RECIPIENTS
Toolkit for Community Organizations Serving Older People and Adults with Disabilities
May 2019

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
Ways to Apply

Click
GetCalFresh.org
Apply online in 10 minutes

Call
(415) 558-4700
Start your application by phone

Come in
HSA Centers
or
Community locations
Thank You