

## CalFresh Emergency Allotments

To increase food benefits in response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on the economy, section 2302(a)(1) of the Act provides authority for the California Department of Social Services (the Department) to provide CalFresh emergency allotments.

### New Emergency Allotment Guidance Beginning April 2021

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service determined that a new approach to emergency allotments will provide greater equity for households most in need. This new guidance is effective beginning with the April 2021 benefit month and will be reflected in the May 2021 issuance month.

Under this new policy, 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.

### September 2021 Emergency Allotments

California has requested and been approved to issue CalFresh emergency allotments for the month of **September 2021**. These emergency allotments will be available on **Sunday, October 24, 2021**.

This calendar will be updated each month that emergency allotments are approved:

<b>Benefit Month</b>	<b>First Issuance</b>	<b>Second Issuance</b>	<b>Third Issuance</b>
March	April 12	May 10	June 14
April	May 10	June 14	July 12
May	June 14	July 12	August 16
June	July 12	August 16	September 13
July	August 16	September 13	October 18
August	September 13	October 18	November 15
September	October 18	November 15	December 20
October	November 15	December 20	January 10
November	December 20	January 10	February 14
December	January 10	February 14	March 7
January	February 14	March 7	April 18
February	March 7	April 18	May 16
March	April 18	May 16	June 13
April	May 16	June 13	July 18
May	June 13	July 18	August 8

June	July 18	August 8	September 11
July	August 8	September 11	October 24
August	September 11	October 24	TBD
September	October 24	TBD	TBD