California has requested and been approved to issue CalFresh Emergency Allotments (EA) for the month of **February 2023**. These benefits will be available on **Sunday, March 26, 2023**.

This calendar will be updated each month that EA are approved.

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CalFresh Emergency Allotments Information
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.