

# Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Program Guide Letter No. 27

June 8, 2011

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**Subject**                    **JULY 2011 CAPI GRANT DECREASE AND FOOD STAMPS NAME CHANGE TO CALFRESH**

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**Effective dates**

- July 1, 2011 for CAPI grant decrease
- Upon receipt for CalFresh name change

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**Reference**

- All-County Information Notice (ACIN) I-28-11
- All County Letter (ACL) 10-55

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**Purpose**                    The purpose of this CAPI Program Guide Letter is to provide staff with the revised payment standards for CAPI individuals effective July 1, 2011 and to update references to Food Stamps to the new name: CalFresh.

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**Background**            The documents listed in the chart below determine the CAPI payment standards.

<b>Document</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18941	Requires CAPI payment standards based on the SSI/SSP payment standards, minus \$10.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a couple.
ACIN I-59-09	Provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CAPI Payment Standards for 2009, resulting from the Federal SSI/State Supplemental Payments (SSP) cost of living adjustment (COLA), effective November 1, 2009.</li> <li>• The couples' rates were reduced to the federal minimum.</li> <li>• Treatment of COLAs for CAPI/SSI couple cases.</li> </ul>
ACIN I-28-11	Provided the new CAPI Payment Standards for individuals for 2011 resulting from the Federal SSI/State Supplemental Payments (SSP) COLA, effective July 1, 2011.

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**CalFresh Background** The Food Stamp program provides nutritional supplemental benefits to low-income individuals and families.

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**Payment Rate Reductions** Effective July 1, 2011, payment standards for SSI/SSP individuals will be reduced to the minimum allowable level under federal regulations. The rates for those living in Title XIX medical facilities and Non-Medical Out-of-Home Care living arrangements are exempt. The CAPI payment standards that will become effective on July 1, 2011 are the direct result of the new budget reduction on the SSI/SSP rates.

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**Other Values** The payment rate reductions will have no affect on the following values:

- Presumed maximum value of in-kind support and maintenance;
- The allowance for ineligible children in deeming situations;
- The sponsor's allocation in alien deeming situations; or
- The allowance for parents in parent-to-child deeming situations.

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**Notice of Action** Since this grant change is a reduction, a timely notice is required. The NA 692, Change in CAPI Grant Notice, will be automatically mailed to the affected recipients.

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**Reports** The COLA is scheduled to run on the weekend of June 11, 2011 for all CAPI cases.

Reports from the COLA run will be posted on SharePoint and instructions will be included with the e-mail listing the SharePoint link.

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**Required Worker Actions** Workers must take the following actions:

- Use prospective budgeting for recalculating budgets for the July 1, 2011 COLA.
- Review the cases on [SharePoint](#) as stated above.

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**Forms Impact** No impact.

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**Imaging Impact** No impact.

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**ACCESS  
Impact**

ACCESS agents must be aware of the CAPI grant reduction.

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**Quality  
Assurance  
Impact**

The California Department of Social Services has not specified a Quality Assurance requirement for CAPI and appeals are handled through the usual State hearing process.

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**CalFresh  
Impact**

CAPI Grant adjustments due to COLA and CAPI Payment Standard changes will be treated for CalFresh according to Quarterly Reporting/Prospective Budget (QR/PB) regulations.

CAPI payments are considered Public Assistance (PA) income. The actual monthly CAPI grant amount must be used each month to compute CalFresh benefits for CalFresh households receiving CAPI benefits.

Changes to PA benefits are considered information that is known to the county. The worker shall review all changes to PA benefits for possible CalFresh benefit increases or decreases by calculating a new CalFresh budget. CalFresh benefits shall be increased if the calculation indicates such an increase. For QR reporting households, if the calculation indicates a mid-quarter decrease, benefits cannot be decreased.

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**Medi-Cal  
Impact**

Since CAPI payments are considered public assistance income and are exempt for Medi-Cal budgeting purposes, do not count CAPI when determining Medi-Cal eligibility and/or share of cost.

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**Automation  
Impact**

Automation impacts for NOAs and COLA reports are identified in the appropriate sections, above.

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**Summary of  
Changes**

The table below shows the CAPI PG changes.

<b>Section</b>	<b>Changes</b>
99-100.2	Updated reference to Food Stamps to CalFresh.
99-100.3	Updated references to Food Stamps to CalFresh.
99-100.5	Updated reference to Food Stamps to CalFresh.
99-101.3	Updated reference to Food Stamps to CalFresh.
99-101.6	Updated reference to Food Stamps to CalFresh.
99-103.4	Updated reference to Food Stamps to CalFresh.
99-103,	CAPI Payment Levels effective July 2011 have been

Appendix B	added.
99-104.4	Updated reference to Food Stamps to CalFresh.
99-105.6	Updated references to Food Stamps to CalFresh.
99-106.2	Updated reference to Food Stamps to CalFresh.
99-107.1	Updated references to Food Stamps to CalFresh.
99-110.1	Updated reference to Food Stamps to CalFresh.
99-113.4	Updated references to Food Stamps to CalFresh.

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approval**

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