



## Program Guide Letter # 577

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**Subject**                    **Disaster CalFresh Income Eligibility Standards Change for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013**

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**Purpose**                    To inform staff of:

- Changes to the CalFresh Disaster Income Eligibility Standards as a result of the annual Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) adjustment for FFY 2013; and
- Updates to the Disaster CalFresh chapter and Disaster CalFresh Desk Aid.

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**Reference**                    • All County Information Notice I-48-12; and

- Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) Guidance.

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**Effective Date**                    • CalFresh Program Guide updates – Upon receipt

- Disaster CalFresh Income Eligibility Standards – October 1, 2012

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**Background**                    Effective October 1, 2012, the CalFresh standard deduction, the maximum net monthly income limit and the maximum excess shelter deduction changed as a result of the SNAP COLA for FFY 2013.

As a result, the Disaster CalFresh Income Eligibility Standards, which includes the standard deduction, the maximum net monthly income limit and the maximum excess shelter deduction, has also increased.

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The Disaster CalFresh [Chapter 63-500](#) has been updated as follows:

Chapter/ Section	Section Title	UPDATES
<a href="#">63-501.5</a>	New section Comparison of Eligibility Standards for Disaster CalFresh and Regular CalFresh	Added table to compare eligibility standards and verification requirements for both programs.
<a href="#">63-501.8</a>	Disaster CalFresh Desk Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated the desk aid with FFY 2013 Income eligibility standards;</li> <li>• Added “food loss” as a deductible disaster related expense;</li> <li>• Updated the Disaster CalFresh Application section; all applicants including online applicants must be interviewed in person.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">63-503.3</a>	Deductible Disaster Related Expenses	Added “food loss” due to a disaster or extended power outage as one of the deductible disaster related expenses.
<a href="#">63-504.8</a>	Replacement of Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changed form number of the Manual Notice 09-95 HHS to 09-90 HHS (Notice of Approval/Denial for Replacement of Food Purchased with CalFresh).</li> <li>• Updated form 16-92 HHS, Disaster CalFresh Benefits Issuance Request and Checklist to delete SFIS section.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">63-504.12</a>	Summary of Disaster CalFresh and Replacement Forms and Notices	
<a href="#">63-506.4</a>	Adverse Effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modified section to reinstate that disaster-related “adverse effects” fall into three categories and food loss is a County option depending on the type of the disaster;</li> <li>• Added “food loss” as a deductible disaster related expense.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">63-506.5</a>	Income and Resource Test and Example	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated Disaster CalFresh Income Eligibility Standard amounts;</li> <li>• Modified section to simplify information; and added an example.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">63-650.3</a>	County Forms	Added form 16-92 HHS and manual notice 09-90 HHS to the list of County Forms.

**Changes to the CalFresh Program Guide are noted with [highlighted text](#).**

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Automation  
Impact

The changes were updated in the reference tables for the CalFresh COLA mass update run by the CalWIN project on 9/8/2012.

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Forms and Client  
Correspondence  
Impact

The Notice of Approval/Denial for Replacement of Food Purchased with CalFresh form number has been changed from 09-95 HHSA to 09-90 HHSA. The notice has been uploaded to the [Xerox Print Center](#).

Any shelf stock of the previous version should be recycled.

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Other Programs  
Impact

No impact.

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Operational  
Impact

Staff shall follow the San Diego Disaster CalFresh Plan protocol and disaster regulations as stated in the CalFresh Program Guide [Chapter 63-500](#) at the time of a declared disaster.

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ACCESS Impact

ACCESS will provide updated information at the time of a disaster when households call to inquire about the application process and Local Assistance Center (LAC) information.

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Quality  
Assurance  
Impact

No impact

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Director  
Approval



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