



Contact: James Bolden, Jamesbolden@dpss.lacounty.gov
Jesus Ruiz, jesusruiz@dpss.lacounty.gov

CALFRESH FOOD BENEFITS NOW AVAILABLE TO SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Did you know that on June 1, 2019, older adults and people with disabilities in Los Angeles County receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are now potentially eligible to receive CalFresh food benefits?



“This expansion of the CalFresh Program helps our department serve the county’s most vulnerable and food insecure populations,” said DPSS Director Antonia Jiménez. “It will ensure that they will not have to decide between buying food, paying rent or medication.”

CalFresh serves as a safety net for the county’s most vulnerable low-income residents. Delivered electronically via an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card that works similar to a bank debit card, the benefit can be used at participating supermarkets, restaurants, and farmers markets. The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) is urging residents who are in need of food assistance to apply for CalFresh.

Understanding that many older adults may face transportation and mobility access challenges, the department is encouraging customers to take advantage of the many enrollment options that do not require a visit to a DPSS office. Customers can apply by phone by contacting the DPSS Call Center at 866-613-3777, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., online by visiting www.getcalfresh.org, which is accessible on any computer or mobile device or via the department’s [Your Benefits Now](#) application system.

To learn more about the CalFresh Expansion, watch the [#CalFresh for SSI Recipients! video](#).

GOOD NEWS!	
Effective June 1, 2019 SSI/SSP recipients are potentially eligible for CalFresh benefits!	
What is CalFresh?	You can apply in one of three ways. CALL our Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777 CLICK to apply online at GetCalFresh.org COME IN to your nearest District Office to apply in person
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CalFresh is a food benefit that helps you buy food.• Your CalFresh benefits are delivered electronically via the Electronic Benefits (EBT) Card.• The EBT card works the same as your bank debit card.• CalFresh benefits may be used at any participating restaurant, supermarket, and/or Farmer’s market.	
dpss.lacounty.gov	