



## Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

*Healthy People, Healthy Communities*

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#### **Early Issuance of February CalFresh Benefits**

CalFresh benefits for the month of February will be issued early due to the federal government shutdown. Most customers will have benefits posted to their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) accounts on January 16, 2019. The early issuance of February benefits is necessary to access federal funds that will no longer be available if the federal government's shutdown continues.

CalFresh recipients who are required to recertify in the month of January and complete their recertification after January 15, 2019, will have their benefits issued on or after February 1, 2019, if federal funds are available. Individuals and families who apply for benefits and are approved after January 15, 2019, will also have their February benefits issued on or after February 1, 2019, if federal funds are available.

The State is awaiting guidance from the federal government regarding the issuance of CalFresh benefits for the month of March.

Individuals or families can apply for CalFresh benefits on the Mendocino coast at 764 S. Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, inland at 737 S. State Street, Ukiah, or electronically at [c4yourself.com](http://c4yourself.com). CalFresh recipients with questions about their case can call the coastal office at (707) 962-1000 or the inland office at (707) 463-7700.

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