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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS- UPDATE

(Bakersfield, CA) – As a result of recent federal court orders, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has notified counties that **CalFresh benefits for the month of November 2025** will be **issued in full** beginning today. The benefits will be loaded onto recipients' EBT cards with **no reductions** and apply specifically to the month of November.

Under normal circumstances, CalFresh benefits are issued on a **staggered schedule** each month. Recipients who **normally receive their benefits between the 1st and 7th** of the month will have their **November benefits available today**. Those who **typically receive benefits between the 8th and 10th** will have their benefits **loaded onto their EBT cards on their regular issuance dates**.

CalFresh recipients are encouraged to **check their benefit balances** using their EBT card or online through BenefitsCal.com. Recipients must continue to submit all **required reports and recertifications on time** to avoid any interruption or delay in future benefit issuance.

The **Kern County Department of Human Services (DHS)** will continue to **monitor federal developments** and will provide updates to the public should any changes occur that may affect benefit issuance if the federal shutdown continues.

For questions or assistance with CalFresh benefits, residents can contact the **Kern Department of Human Services** at (661) 631-6000, visit www.kcdhs.org, or stop by any local office.




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