

REMINDER FOR TEENS TURNING 18 YEARS OLD

Give this notice right away to your child who will be turning 18 years old within the next 60 days.

If you are 18 years old and don't have children and/or are not pregnant

You can still get cash aid as part of your parent/caretaker's case after your 18th birthday ONLY if you:

- Are a full-time student in high school, or in a vocational or technical training program, and are expected to finish school/program before reaching 19 years old, or
- Are a full-time student in high school, or in a vocational or technical training program, and have been or are considered disabled, and meet the disability criteria pursuant to the CalWORKs regulations.

Call your county worker right away if you think you meet either of these situations. If you are eligible to stay on cash aid, you will need to have a fingerprint and photo image taken by the county.

If you are 18 years old and have a child of your own and/or are pregnant

1. You can continue to get cash aid as part of your parent/caretaker's case after your 18th birthday ONLY if you:

- Are a full-time student in high school, or in a vocational or technical training program, and are expected to finish school/program before reaching 19 years old, or
- Are a full-time student in high school, or in a vocational or technical training program, and have been or are considered disabled, and meet the disability criteria pursuant to the CalWORKs regulations.

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2. You can choose to start your own case. Call your county worker right away if you want to start your own case. Here are some things you need to know before starting your own case:

- You do NOT have to move out of your parent/caretaker's home to be in your own case.
- If you start your own case, your parent or caretaker may get less cash aid or if you are the only child their cash aid may be stopped.
- Your CalWORKs time limits for getting cash aid will not start until you leave the Cal-Learn Program.
- If the Maximum Family Grant (MFG) rule was applied to your child while you were a dependent minor parent, your child can be counted in your cash aid payment when you are in your own case.
- As the head of your case, YOU must report all changes to your county worker each Quarter.

Regardless if you are under your own case or are a part of your parent/caretaker's case, to be eligible to stay on cash aid, you will need to have a fingerprint and photo image taken by the county. If you have questions about whether you should start your own case, call the county welfare office or local legal services office.