

INSTRUCTIONS AND PENALTIES

SAR 7 ELIGIBILITY STATUS REPORT

For Cash Aid and CalFresh

Need Help? Call the County.

- If you do not send in a complete report including, but not limited to, answering all questions on the SAR 7 and attaching proof when we ask for it, your benefits may be delayed, changed, or stopped. **Attach a separate sheet of paper if needed.**
- Facts you report may result in your benefits going up, down, or being stopped.
- Send in your completed report by the 5th of the month after the report month. It is late after the 11th.

Examples

Income

- Wages
- Vacation pay
- In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
- Child/spousal support
- Insurance or legal settlements
- Rental income and rental assistance
- Any government benefits
- State Disability Indemnity
- Self-Employment
- Tips
- Interest or dividends
- Strike benefits
- Tax refunds
- Unemployment
- Social Security
- Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP)
- Salary
- Income In-Kind, such as earned housing, free housing/utilities/clothing/food
- Gambling/Lottery winnings
- Cash, gifts, loans, scholarships
- Other private or government disability or retirement
- Workers Compensation
- Veterans or Railroad retirement

Property

- Motor vehicles
- EBT cash aid balance
- Home
- Checking
- Savings Bonds
- Land
- Savings
- Life insurance policies
- Trusts

Housing Costs

- Rent
- Utilities
- Mortgage
- Homeowners insurance
- Property taxes
- Garbage/trash collection fees

Expenses

- Medical expenses
- Health insurance premiums
- Child/dependent Care
- College tuition & supplies
- Mandatory school fees
- Child/spousal support
- Transportation
- Room & Board
- Housing costs

Gross income means the amount you get before deductions are taken out (Examples of deductions are: Taxes, Social Security or other retirement contributions, health care plan premiums, garnishments, etc.).

Penalties

PENALTIES FOR CASH AID FRAUD: If on purpose you do not follow Cash Aid rules, your Cash Aid can be lowered for a period of time and you may be fined up to \$10,000 and/or sent to jail or prison for up to 3 years.

Your Cash Aid can be stopped:

- For not reporting all facts or for giving wrong facts: 6 months for the first offense, 12 months for the second offense, or forever for the third.
- For submitting one or more applications to get aid in more than one case for the same time period: 2 years for the first conviction, 4 years for the second, and forever for the third.
- For conviction of felony fraud to get aid: 2 years for theft of amounts under \$2,000; 5 years for amounts of \$2,000 through \$4,999.99; and forever for amounts of \$5,000 or more.
- Forever: for giving the county false proof of residency in order to get aid in two or more counties or states at the same time; giving the county wrong facts for an ineligible child or a child that does not exist; getting more than \$10,000 in cash benefits through fraud; getting a third conviction for fraud in a court of law or an administrative hearing.

PENALTIES FOR CALFRESH FRAUD: If on purpose you do not follow CalFresh rules, your CalFresh benefits can be stopped for 12 months for the first violation, 24 months for the second, and forever for the third. You may be fined up to \$250,000 and/or sent to jail/prison for 20 years.

If you are found guilty in any court of law or administrative hearing because:

- You traded or sold CalFresh benefits for firearms, ammunition, or explosives, your CalFresh benefits can be stopped forever for the first violation.
- You traded or sold CalFresh benefits for controlled substances, your CalFresh benefits can be stopped for 24 months for the first violation and forever for the second.
- You traded or sold CalFresh benefits that were worth \$500 or more, your CalFresh benefits can be stopped forever.
- You gave the county false identify or residence information, so you can get CalFresh benefits in more than one case at the same time, your CalFresh benefits can be stopped for 10 years.