

CHANGES TO THE CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKS) MAXIMUM FAMILY GRANT (MFG) RULE

The CalWORKs MFG rule has ended.

Beginning January 1, 2017, your cash aid may go up or change if:

- Your Assistance Unit (AU) includes a child(ren) currently subject to the MFG rule because they were born to your family after you got cash aid for ten months in a row right before the child's birth, and your cash aid did not go up after their birth. Your child(ren) will be automatically added to the AU starting the month of January and you will get a Notice of Action showing your new benefit amount.
 - A new child is born to you.
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Child Support Changes:

If you are getting child support for a child that was denied cash aid because of the MFG rule, you may see some changes now that your child is getting cash aid:

- You must cooperate with child support.
- When a child support collection is made you will only get up to \$50 per month.
- The \$50 will not count against your grant.
- The rest of your child support is used to re-pay your cash aid.

Contact the Local Child Support Agency if you have questions about your child support or if your family will be at risk if you cooperate with child support collection. To find out how to contact your local child support agency, please go to <http://www.childsup.ca.gov/home/lcsaoffices.aspx> or call 1-866-901-3212.

Other Income Changes:

If you are getting disability or retirement benefits for a child that was denied cash aid because of the MFG rule, your cash aid may change. This is because these benefits will now be included in your income and used to figure your cash aid.

CalFresh Changes:

Most families get less CalFresh benefits when they get more cash aid. **You will get a separate notice if your CalFresh benefits change.**

CONTACT THE COUNTY IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT CHANGES TO THE MFG RULE.