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Monthly CalFresh Benefits to be Issued March 1 for all CalFresh Recipients

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency, along with all counties throughout California, will be issuing CalFresh benefits for the month of March to all customers on March 1, 2019. This differs from the usual CalFresh issuance schedule, which is staggered to customers throughout the first 10 days of the month.

This unexpected change in payment timeline is due to the recent Federal government shutdown, which necessitated an early issuance of February CalFresh benefits on January 14. CalFresh customers have waited a longer than usual time between payments, and the early issuance of benefits to all customers on March 1 is intended to get this important resource to customers as quickly as possible.

The CalFresh program, also known as the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), is a program for low income individuals and families that meet certain income guidelines. CalFresh benefits help supplement customers' food budgets and allow them to buy healthy and nutritious food. Each customer is issued an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card, and monthly payments are issued directly onto that card. Customers can then use the card to purchase healthy food throughout the month.

Those wishing to learn more about CalFresh benefits or wanting to apply, may visit www.GetCalFresh.org. Current CalFresh recipients in Yolo County who have questions about their benefits can call 1-855-278-1594.

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