

# KEEP YOUR BENEFITS

## Changes to Medi-Cal and CalFresh Programs

**DPSS Communications Toolkit**  
Valid through March 31, 2026

The enactment of House Resolution (HR) 1 on July 4, 2025, and additional changes to State regulations, present significant policy changes that impact eligibility, reporting, and program requirements for both Medi-Cal and CalFresh programs.

While some changes will take effect beginning November 2025, additional policy changes will be implemented in 2026, 2027, and 2028. Changes related to Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) work requirements for CalFresh, and those scheduled for implementation beyond January 2026 will be shared separately as implementation occurs.

In response to these changes, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to implement a campaign to inform and prepare DPSS customers and the public about the forthcoming changes and steps they can take to ensure they remain eligible to continue receiving their Medi-Cal and CalFresh benefits.

The “Keep Your Benefits: Changes to Medi-Cal and CalFresh Programs” Communications Toolkit addresses each of the changes occurring from **November 2025 through January 2026** and includes digital content for web, email, and social media. Assets are available in English (EN) and nine additional threshold languages: Armenian (AE), Cambodian (CA), Chinese (CH), Farsi (FA), Korean (KO), Russian (RU), Spanish (SP), Tagalog (TA), and Vietnamese (VI).

### [DOWNLOAD ASSETS HERE](#)

All content should be shared as soon as possible to ensure timely sharing and posting. **The content in this toolkit is valid through March 31, 2026, unless otherwise specified.**


DPSS appreciates the support of our County and community partners as we work to mitigate the impacts of Medi-Cal and CalFresh policy changes on our most vulnerable residents.

Questions about this toolkit may be directed to:

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## Medi-Cal: Application Deadline for Persons Without Satisfactory Immigration Status


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Social Media: 2-panel Carousel



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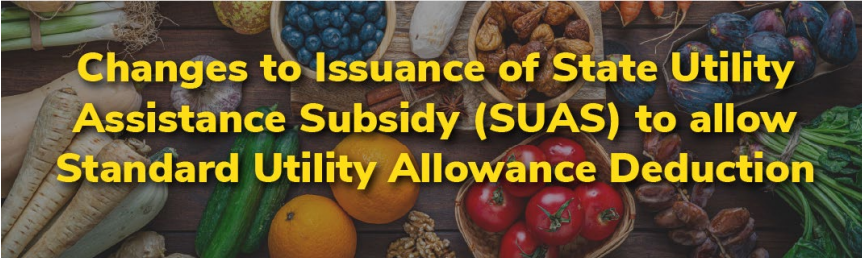
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