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### **Individuals and Families Receiving CalFresh Displaced by San Diego County Fires and Power Outages are Eligible for Replacement Benefits**

*There is a 10-day window to apply for replacement benefits.*

SAN DIEGO, December 8, 2017 – In response to the numerous fires and power outages in northern San Diego County, the San Diego Hunger Coalition, in partnership with the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (County of San Diego HHSA), are providing information about Replacement CalFresh benefits.

Replacement CalFresh allows any California resident currently enrolled in the program to request replacement benefits to cover food lost during a natural disaster or power outage lasting four or more hours.

In order to access Replacement CalFresh, individuals must complete two forms ([CF 303](#) and an [Affidavit of Loss](#)), and turn these into the County of San Diego HHSA **within 10 days of their loss**. The forms must include verification of their displacement ([this SDG&E map](#) can be used as verification.) **Replacement Requests should be submitted in person, at a County of San Diego HHSA [Family Resource Center](#).**

Benefits will be restored to the CalFresh EBT card for that individual or household. The maximum replacement benefit individuals can recoup is one full month's worth of benefits. Replacement Requests will be processed and benefits will be reissued within 10 days of submitting.

**For more information on Replacement CalFresh in San Diego County please contact:**

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***This situation is developing. More updates may be issued from the County of San Diego HHSA in the future.***

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