

# Campaign for Semiannual Reporting

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# Welcome and Introductions- 5min

- Purpose of the Campaign
- Current Issues
- Using Webinar Tools
- Today's agenda

# Using Webinar Tools

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# Agenda

- Campaign Update– 5min
- AB6 General Overview– 10min
  - SAR– 5min
  - Finger Imaging– 5min
  - Heat and Eat– 5 min
- Actions, Target, Next Steps– 5 min
- Questions and Answer- 10-15 min
- Wrap Up – 5min

# Campaign Update-5min

- Where we are today...
  - Campaign sign-on letter to USDA
- Goal is to have 80+ supporters
- January 21<sup>st</sup> is the current deadline to sign-on

Sign-on letter available at:

<http://www.cfpa.net/foodstamps/6MonthCampaign/USDARquest.htm>

# AB6 General Overview-10min

- Overall goals and strategy
- The bill has three major components....
  - Implementation of semi-annual reporting
  - Removal of the finger imaging requirement
  - Implementation of a Heat and Eat Program

# SAR- 5min

- Not going into history. Get that here:
  - <http://www.cfpa.net/foodstamps/6MonthCampaign/PDF%27s/HistoryofSemi-annualReporting.pdf>
- Not going into the benefits. Get that here:
  - <http://www.cfpa.net/foodstamps/6MonthCampaign/PDF%27s/SAR.FactSheet.2011.pdf>
- Focus on:
  - What does AB 6 do with regard to SAR?

# SAR for CalFresh in AB 6

18910. (a) To the extent permitted by the federal Food Stamp Act, including Section 2015(c) of Title 7 of the United States Code, implementing regulations, and any waivers obtained by the department pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 11265.2, the department shall implement a prospective budgeting, semiannual reporting system for recipients of CalFresh benefits.

(2) CalFresh households not receiving CalWORKs shall not be required to report within the semiannual reporting period unless specifically required by federal food stamp law. Otherwise,



# SAR for CalWorks AB 6

11265.3. (a) In addition to submitting the semiannual report form as required in Section 11265.1, the department shall establish an income reporting threshold for recipients of CalWORKs.

(b) The CalWORKs income reporting threshold shall be the lesser of the following:

(1) The amount likely to render the recipient ineligible for federal food stamp benefits.

(2) The amount likely to render the recipient ineligible for CalWORKs benefits.

(c) A recipient shall report to the county, orally or in writing, within 10 days, when any of the following occurs:

(1) The monthly household income exceeds the threshold established pursuant to this section.

(2) The household address has changed.

(3) A drug felony conviction, as specified in Section 11251.3.

(4) An incidence of an individual fleeing prosecution or custody or confinement, or violating a condition of probation or parole, as specified in Section 11486.5.

# Finger Imaging- 5min

## Facts

- CA is one of three remaining state's and one city requiring a finger image.
- According to USDA, state's with a finger imaging requirement have an average 7% lower participation rate.
- Not needed to fight fraud; many other tools already in place to do so effectively.
- Redundant system; eliminating the finger imaging requirement is also a cost savings effort.
- USDA has encouraged CA to drop the practice and has a moratorium on any new states taking up the practice.
  
- What the bill does and doesn't do
- Challenges

# Heat and Eat- 5min

- All CalFresh households would receive a nominal LIHEAP benefit qualifying them to claim the SUA; delivered through a nonpayer system; would not require additional paperwork.
- At it's simplest; removes paperwork, increases benefits for some households, and is based on a strategy already in place in a number of other states.
- Challenges
  - Totally new; sometimes difficult to understand
  - Associated costs
  - Implementation design

# Actions, Targets & Next Steps- 5min

- Targets; who would help with progress of the bill
  - Senate
  - Governor
- Garnering support; nontraditional partners
  - Agriculture
  - Business
- Organizational and individual letters of support to the author



## **Questions and Answers – 10-15 min**

Please “raise you hand” virtually via  
the webinar tool or type a question  
in the “question box”

# Wrap Up- 5 min

Questions?

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More information, as well as materials referenced in this PowerPoint, are posted at:

<http://www.cfpa.net/foodstamps/semi-annual.html>