



AB 69: CalFresh Senior Nutrition Benefits Implementation Update

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- Signed Oct. 2012
- Directs the Department of Social Services to allow counties to conduct simplified CalFresh enrollment among Social Security recipients by utilizing data maintained by the Social Security Administration.

The vision...

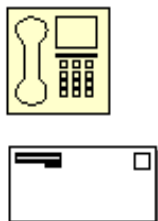
Lisa enters an SSA office



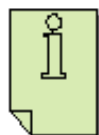
Lisa applies for Social Security (retirement benefits)



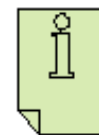
At home, Lisa is contacted by her County Welfare Agency for any additional information regarding her CalFresh application. She does her eligibility interview over the phone, and can receive her EBT card via mail.



Lisa fills out a consent form to share her information, and leaves the office.



(Based on Lisa's income) the SSA worker tells Lisa she could be eligible for nutrition assistance. If she would like to share her information with DSS to determine her eligibility, she can fill out a consent form right there, and she'll be contacted later by a CalFresh eligibility worker.



From a CalFresh Caseworker perspective...

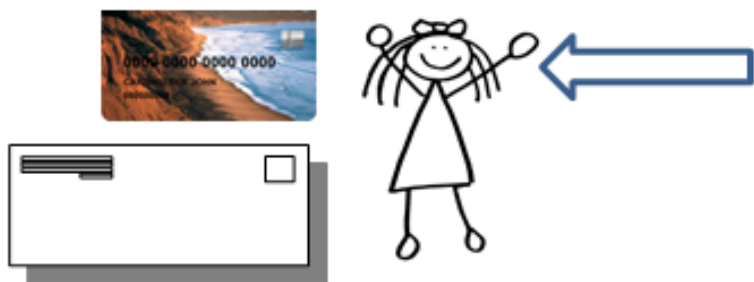
Carl works at XXX County as a caseworker. He receives data from SSA indicating that Lisa, a low-income senior, wants to apply for CalFresh. He uses the information provided by SSA to pre-fill a CalFresh application.



Carl calls Lisa in order to ask her for a bit more information to complete her CalFresh application (who does she live with, etc.). He could also mail her the additional questions.



Lisa receives an EBT card through the mail.



With federal waivers, Lisa would not need to prove documentation of income, shelter expenses, or medical expenses, which alleviates the need for her to submit extra paperwork.

Lisa has her eligibility interview over the phone, so Carl determines her eligibility easily and lets her know if she qualifies for benefits.



Where we are now...

CFPA, CWDA and DSS have:

- Put together an implementation workgroup
- Submitted a data sharing agreement to the Social Security Administration
- Heard initial interest from around 20 counties that want to learn more about implementation

Stay tuned for:

- Webinar outlining next steps for counties
- Response from SSA on data sharing capabilities

Questions for the Panel?