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 Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **The Rules for Your CalWORKs Case Have Changed.** **Please Read This Carefully.**

As of \_\_\_\_\_ (date), your CalWORKs case will change from Annual Reporting to Semi-Annual Reporting because your case now includes aid for an eligible adult. Under Semi-Annual Reporting, you are required to report two times per year instead of one time per year. One of those reports will be your annual redetermination/recertification form (SAWS 2 PLUS). Six months after you complete your SAWS 2 PLUS, a semi-annual eligibility status report (SAR 7) will be mailed to you and will tell you when it is due. You do not have to report when someone moves into or out of your home until your next report (SAWS 2 PLUS or SAR 7) is due. The Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) rules are the same under Semi-Annual Reporting: when you report income over your IRT, the county can decrease or stop your benefits.

This notice has details on the Semi-Annual Reporting requirements. Ask your worker or call the county if you have questions about what to report and when.

You will receive a separate notice about any changes to your CalFresh reporting requirements.

### **Reporting Rules**

Under Annual Reporting, you were only required to complete a yearly redetermination of benefits. Under Semi-Annual Reporting, in addition to the annual redetermination, you are required to turn in a SAR 7 once a year (6 months after your annual redetermination). The SAR 7 will be sent to you in the mail.

Just like Annual Reporting, you will receive an appointment letter in the mail when your redetermination is due. If you miss your redetermination appointment and don't make it up by the end of the month, your aid will stop.

Example: On March 18, you receive an appointment letter from the county that says your redetermination appointment is on April 4. If you miss the appointment and don't make it up by the end of April, your case will be discontinued April 30th.

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## **Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) Rules**

The amount of income that you have to report within 10 days will remain the same under Semi-Annual Reporting. If your total monthly income is more than your IRT amount, you have to report the income to the county within 10 days. By “total monthly income” we mean any money you get. The county will tell you what your IRT is. Under Semi-Annual Reporting, the IRT is still based on your total income and the number of people in your household. Going over IRT can result in a decrease to your grant or your aid being stopped.

Example: If your IRT is \$1000 and you get income of \$800 you do not have to report the change until your next report (SAR 7 or SAWS 2 PLUS). If you get income of \$1001 or more you must report it to your worker within 10 days. If the income will continue, your cash aid benefits will be lowered or stopped with 10 day notice.

## **Mandatory Reporting Rules**

Most CalWORKs mandatory reporting rules are the same under Semi-Annual Reporting as under Annual Reporting. Semi-Annual Reporting rules say you **MUST** report the following changes, verbally or in writing, within 10 days of the change:

- income over the IRT;
- address changes;
- fleeing felon status; or
- violations of conditions of probation or parole.

## **Voluntary Reporting Rules**

There is no change to CalWORKs voluntary reporting rules under Semi-Annual Reporting. You may voluntarily report any information (such as a decrease in income or someone without income moving into your home) that may increase your grant amount. If you report something voluntarily that would result in a decrease to your grant amount, the county will not reduce your aid until you report the information on your next mandatory report.

## **Welfare-to-Work Reporting Rules**

If you get Welfare-to-Work services, you must continue to turn in all other reports and verifications required by the county. You need to turn in this proof to keep getting services like child care, transportation, and money for books.