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## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTING FACT SHEET (CalFresh)

On October 6, 2011, Assembly Bill 6 (Fuentes) was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown. The new law changes CalWORKs and CalFresh reporting requirements from Quarterly to Semi-Annual Reporting (SAR) effective October 2013.

Most of the major features of the SAR process are the same as the current Quarterly Reporting process, with the exception of an additional Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) and the ability to decrease CalFresh benefit amounts mid-period based on mandatory and verified voluntary reported changes.

Major features for SAR:

Participants will be required to submit an Eligibility Status Report (SAR 7) once a year (in the sixth month of the 12-month eligibility period), followed by the annual recertification.

Participants will have limited mandatory reporting requirements during the period between eligibility reports (referred to as the mandatory recipient mid-period reporting requirements).

### **Mandatory mid-period reports:**

- All CalFresh cases - Participants will be required to report any change in income that is over their IRT. IRT is the dollar amount at which participants must report income changes that occur between their set SAR dates. The IRT is 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level for their household size.
- Non-Assistance CalFresh cases - Participants who are Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents will also be required to report changes in work hours that could affect eligibility (currently waived).

Eligibility and benefits for a six-month period will be based on information provided on the SAR 7 and will be determined using prospective budgeting rules.

CalFresh households that have been exempted from Quarterly Reporting requirements will continue to be exempt from SAR and retain their Change Reporting status.