

NATIONAL CSFP ASSOCIATION

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM



Hunger and the Elderly

According to The National Council on Aging, hunger has a serious impact on our seniors, including:

- Increased risk of stroke
- Increased problems from pre-existing health conditions
- Limits the efficacy of many prescription drugs
- May affect brain chemistry resulting in increased incidence of depression and isolation



CSFP helps vulnerable, at-risk seniors to receive the proper nutrition they need. Along with promoting health, treating chronic disease, decreasing the length of hospital stays, and saving countless health care dollars.

There are 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 3 Indian Tribal Organizations that participate in CSFP.

2018 FARM BILL REAUTHORIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS

✓ Reauthorize CSFP

✓ Extension of Cheese and Nonfat Dry Milk Provision

✓ Establish Changes in the Determination of Income Eligibility.

✓ Pass S. 2085 "Nourishing Our Golden Years Act"

The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 re-authorization programs every five years. For the 2018 re-authorization process, it is critical that CSFP is reauthorized from fiscal year 2018 through 2023.

Maintain provision from the previous farm bill to continue providing these important basic food items.

NCSFPA urges the following changes in determination of income eligibility:

- Medicare payments not be added back to income. Medicare payments are deducted before the senior receives their benefits. They aren't available to the senior but are included as income when determining CSFP eligibility.
- Provide a standard Shelter/Utility Expense Reduction similar to the deduction for FDPIR. Under that deduction, households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard deduction of up to \$400.

This bill streamlines application processes and reduces the administrative burden for CSFP by extending how often participants must recertify, from a minimum of six months to once a year. Seniors will benefit by this program efficiency.

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