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**Summary**

The Office of Programs and Policy added a “NOTE” under Clarifying Information for WAC 388-406-0065, to explain that SSI recipients from California are not eligible for federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or CalFresh) benefits while receiving SSI in California. Instead SSI recipients receive an extra state-funded cash benefit called the California (CA) Cash-Out Program to help them buy food.

When SSI recipients from CA move to WA there is no requirement to verify Cash-Out benefits have stopped before approving Basic Food for these individuals. CA Cash-Out is not considered a duplicate benefit for SNAP/Basic Food.

It is up to individual SSI recipients from CA to notify the proper authorities they have moved to WA. This is usually done through the Social Security Administration (SSA) when the individual is transferring their SSI benefits from CA to WA.

See below for copy of the note added to the manual:

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**NOTE:** SSI recipients in California (CA) are not eligible for SNAP food assistance benefits. Instead these individuals receive an extra cash benefit to help them buy food. This benefit is called the CA Cash-Out Program.

The CA Cash-Out benefit is not considered a duplicate benefit for SNAP (Basic Food) recipients so there is no requirement to provide proof that CA cash-out has stopped before approving Basic Food for an SSI recipient moving to WA from CA. Basic Food benefits can be approved from the date of application as long as the individual is otherwise eligible.