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Hello Everyone,

It was so great "brainstorming" with you all about how we can improve CalFresh participation in CA. It looks like there is legislation that we should be watching. I will request that WIC be involved in the bill analysis but we shall see how that goes....

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Subject: RE: CalFresh Income guidelines

Hi Barbara,

Currently, CalFresh income is 130% of poverty, however, there is state bill introduced (AB 1560) that would basically raise our SNAP gross income limit to 200% (per the intent of the sponsors) for households eligible/receiving Medi-Cal, as allowed by FNS under the optional broad-based categorical eligibility (BBCE).

Right now, our version of BBCE, modified categorical eligibility (MCE) only deals with resources.

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Hi Detta,

I just returned from a meeting with other state program nutritionists and we were talking about improving participation in WIC and SNAP. Oregon states that they have a 92% SNAP participation rate. Their income level is 185% of the NPL. If I understand correctly, our SNAP income level is 135% of the NPL.

Is this correct? And if so, is there a possibility of raising the CA level to 185%

Thanks,

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