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Subject: Important Information: Chafee Cash Card Update

Good Morning,

This email is to inform our stakeholders and partners of important information regarding the Chafee Cash Card Program, that was created as a result of All County Letter 21-73. As of November 18, 2021, the Chafee Cash Card has been extended and new applications are being accepted!

ELIGIBLE POPULATION

Current and Former Foster Youth between the ages of 18 – 22, who have turned age 18 by September 30th, 2021, and have not reached their 23rd birthday, may obtain a payment as long as they meet the Chafee Cash Card criteria **and have not previously applied**. Extended Foster Care (EFC) eligibility is required, but participation and compliance in EFC is not a requirement. Only EFC eligibility.

Please note, our online Chafee Card Portal will remain closed, and CDSS is no longer taking applications for young adults above the age of 23.

FOR YOUNG ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES 21-22 (WHO HAVE NOT REACHED 23RD BIRTHDAY):

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for verifying the eligibility of current and former foster youth between the ages of 21 up until their 23rd birthday.

- For young adults between the ages of 21 up until their 23rd birthday, who believe they are eligible for the Chafee Cash Card and want to apply, please submit the following information to FYverify@dss.ca.gov:
    - Full Legal Name while in Care
    - Date of Birth
    - County of Jurisdiction
    - Phone Number

If you are in communication with young adults (ages 21-26) **who previously applied** and were approved for a Chafee Card and are having difficulties with their cards (i.e., missing payments, challenges regarding card usage, etc.) they can still contact CDSS via email at FYverify@dss.ca.gov

FOR YOUNG ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES 18-20 (WHO HAVE NOT REACHED 21ST BIRTHDAY):

- Please have them contact the Child Welfare of Probation Department who opened there foster care case, to apply for the Chafee Cash Card. The County Office/Department will applications of those submitted between 18-20, and validate your eligibility.
- If they are deemed eligible, the county will send their information and card delivery preference to the California Department of Social Services for processing and payment distribution. This process could take up to 4 weeks before payment is received.
- Please use this link for a list of county contacts, if you are unsure how to get ahold of the county where your foster care case was opened.

If you have any questions, please contact the Chafee Card specialized email account: FYverify@dss.ca.gov .

Thank you,

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Foster Care Support Services Bureau
Resource Family Support & Permanency Branch
California Department of Social Services