

HUMAN SERVICES TRAILER BILL SUMMARY – AB 161

Please note, the below summary only highlights items anticipated to be of interest to local health departments.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Reimbursement (WIC 10072)

- Specifies a SNAP recipient shall not incur any loss of nutrition benefits taken by unauthorized contact, withdrawal, removal, or use of the benefits, including but not limited to, use that results from an unauthorized solicitation, request, or representation that does not occur by the use of a physical EBT card issued to the recipient or authorized third party to directly access the benefits.
- Requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to establish a protocol to use state funds to replace nutrition benefits with the following limitations:
 - A maximum of two months' worth of benefits shall be replaced at one time.
 - A household shall not receive more than two replacements per federal fiscal year.
 - A household shall have 90 days from the date of the theft to request replacement of the electronically stolen benefits.
- Requires a county to replace eligible, electronically stolen benefits as soon as administratively feasible, but no more than 10 business days following the receipt of the replacement request. Requires counties to prioritize replacement of electronically stolen nutrition benefits in accordance with WIC 10000 and 18900.