
May 4, 2020

The Honorable Eloise Gómez Reyes, Chair
Assembly Human Services Committee
1020 N Street, Room 124
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 3073 (Wicks): CalFresh Preenrollment
Position: Support**

Dear Assembly Member Reyes,

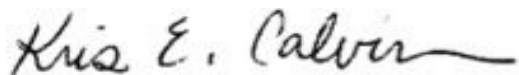
The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing the over 5,000 pediatrician members of California AAP Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide, strongly supports proposed legislation AB 3073 (Wicks) as amended on May 4, 2020, which would require the State Department of Social Services to issue guidance on how to maximize CalFresh eligibility for people leaving jail or prison.

CalFresh, known federally as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), provides monthly food benefits to individuals and families with low-income. People who are connected to basic needs safety net programs like CalFresh are less likely to recidivate. In addition, there are job training programs funded with 50% federal match through the SNAP Employment and Training Program available to people enrolled in CalFresh. Providing pre-enrollment guidance will help individuals have immediate access to these programs upon their release, benefiting themselves, their families, and the children of those families since family poverty and food insecurity are proven factors negatively affecting the health and well-being of children.

AB 3073 would offer information creating an expedited pathway for CalFresh enrollment. Pediatricians across the state of California strongly support AB 3073 and urge you to vote AYE.

Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and well-being of the children, youth, and families of California.

Sincerely,



Kris Calvin, CEO
American Academy of Pediatrics, California

cc: AAP-CA Leadership; Lydia Bourne