

# Restaurant Meals Program

Grow your business and make a difference.



*Without shelter or good health, even the most basic act of eating a meal becomes a challenge.*

Together we can make it easier for **elderly, disabled, and homeless customers** to access **hot prepared meals** in Alameda County.

<p><b>What is the Restaurant Meals Program?</b></p>	<p><b>CalFresh recipients who are elderly, disabled, and homeless</b> are eligible to use their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card to purchase meals from approved restaurants. <b>Restaurant owners that operate in Alameda County</b> may apply to participate in the program.</p>
<p><b>What is the process to become a participating Restaurant?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit an application to USDA's Food and Nutrition Service.</li> <li>• Complete a Memorandum of Understanding with the Social Services Agency.</li> <li>• Get set up with a CA EBT Point of Sale (POS) machine for EBT use or integrate EBT into your current POS machine.</li> <li>• Post an "EBT Accepted Here" sign. Welcome new customers!</li> </ul>
<p><b>How much does it cost to participate?</b></p>	<p>There are <b>no fees</b> associated with participation in the Restaurant Meals Program. Retailers that do not currently have POS equipment must obtain California EBT POS equipment that can process EBT Cards, debit cards, and credit cards. Retailers are responsible for all costs associated with operating commercial POS equipment.</p>

**Interested in learning more?**

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