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.

What is the Restaurant Meals Program?
CalFresh recipients that are elderly, disabled, and homeless are eligible to use their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card to purchase meals from approved restaurants. Restaurant owners who operate in Alameda County may apply to participate in the program.

What is the process to become a participating Restaurant?
• Submit an application to USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service.
• Complete a Memorandum of Understanding with the Social Services Agency.
• Get set up with a Point of Sale (POS) machine for EBT use or integrate EBT into your current POS machine.
• Post an “EBT Accepted Here” sign. Welcome new customers!

How much does it cost to participate?
There are no fees associated with participation in the Restaurant Meals Program. Retailers who don’t currently have POS equipment must obtain POS equipment that can process debit cards, credit cards, and EBT cards. Retailers are responsible for all costs associated with operating commercial POS equipment.

Interested in learning more?
Contact RMP@acgov.org or call 510-259-3821 for more information.