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Title 22@ Social Security

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Section 40675@ Processing Standards

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Each local agency shall issue one or more food instruments or vouchers to the participant at the same time as the notification of certification. The food instruments shall provide benefits for the current month or the remaining portion thereof, and shall be redeemable immediately upon receipt by the participant.