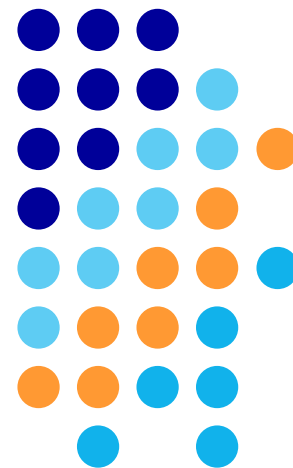




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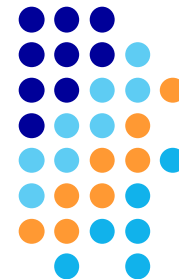
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Funding for Emergency Caregivers with Placement of Children and Non-Minor Dependents prior to Resource Family Approval ACL 18-75	7/1/2018	SCR 102237	SCR 204665	Per ACL 18-33 , all counties were required to provide the Short-Term, Interim payment (AB 110) to caregivers who had taken placement of a child prior to completing the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process between 3/30/18 and 06/30/2018.
		Implemented	Implemented	
		Release	Release	Effective July 1, 2018, all counties must provide a payment equivalent to the basic level rate for a resource family to the Emergency Caregiver (EC) of a child. However, unlike the Short-Term, Interim funding, the EC funding will be exclusively funded through the Emergency Assistance (EA) Program, aid code 5K.
		18.11	18.11	
		SCR 101497	SCR 203634	Aid code 5L will be used to identify the emergency caregiver placements that are not eligible to federal foster care funding and they are not eligible to emergency assistance funding. MEDS is working on implementing this aid code, the tentative availability date is 2/25/2019.
		System Test	System Test	
		Release	Release	
		19.01	19.01	CalACES Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Good Cause section is being added to the Foster Care License/Home Approval page New automated tasks to track Good Cause are being added Emergency Assistance (EA) fields are being added to the Foster Care Placement Authority Probation Court Order Two Pay Codes added in the Phase II SCR are being automated A new approval and discontinuance notice is being added to the template repository.
SCR 102912	SCR 205913			
New	New			
TBD	TBD			



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CalFresh Ending Cash Out for SSI/SSP Recipients Policy ACL 18-90 ACL 18-91 ACL 18-92	5/20/2019	SCR 101471 Build Release 19.05 SCR 102555 (eICT) 19.07	SCR 203103 Build Release 19.05 SCR 205294 eICT) 19.07	<p>CDSS published ACLs 18-90, 18-91, and 18-92 on July 31, 2018.</p> <p>On August 13, 2018, CDSS kicked off the Reversing SSI Cash-Out Automation meetings. This group includes CDSS, CWDA, SAWS and the counties. The purpose of these meetings are to discuss questions related to the policy, implementation strategy, and automation timeline. These meetings are held bi-weekly through October at the CalACES North location.</p> <p>CalACES Update: System changes for this effort will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update eligibility rules to determine SSI individuals eligible to CalFresh if they meet CalFresh eligibility requirements • Add eligibility rules to determine the Supplemental Nutrition Benefit and the Transitional Nutrition Benefit • Add the appropriate Notices of Action <p>The Project met with the CW/CF Committee several times to review and discuss the SCR design before giving final SCR approval on 11/30/18.</p> <p>eICT Updates are scheduled for implementation in July 2019.</p> <p>MEDS will have the TNB aid code OH and will be available for testing no later than 2/25/19.</p> <p>The EBT benefit types for SNB and TNB will be available for testing no later than 2/25/19.</p>



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<p>CalFresh Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs)</p> <p>ACIN I-11-16</p> <p>ACIN I-88-16</p> <p>ACL 18-08 ABAWD Handbook</p>	<p>1/1/2017 Fixed Clock</p> <p>8/31/2019 Waiver Expires</p>	<p>SCR 7215 Phase II</p> <p>Design</p> <p>Release 19.09</p>	<p>SCR 57971 Phase II</p> <p>Design</p> <p>Release 19.09</p>	<p>ABAWD implementation began in September 2018 for San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara. The remaining counties are on waiver until 8/31/19. In September, CDSS submitted another ABAWD waiver request to FNS for the time period 9/1/19-8/31/20. If the waiver is approved, three additional counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, and Marin) will be required to implement the ABAWD policy effective September 2019.</p> <p>The ABAWD Handbook was published on 1/26/18. The ABAWD handbook is a living document and version 2.0 is expected to out to stakeholders for review in the next week.</p> <p>The critical items on which the State needs to provide direction are: Exemptions including geographically waived areas, and the MEDS interface changes.</p> <p>CalACES Update: The project has resumed working on the ABAWD design. The design period is Jan-April. A design kick off call with the CW/CF committee was held on 1/14/19 and bi-weekly design touch point meeting with the committee have been scheduled.</p> <p>The design team, consortium staff, and QA staff continue to participate in the SAWS ABAWD Automation meeting with CDSS. The next SAWS automation meeting is on 1/31/2019.</p>



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CalWORKs Increase to the Maximum Aid Payment Levels ACL 18-124	4/1/2019	SCR 102238	SCR 204642	AB 1811 authorized a ten percent increase to the CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) levels effective 04/01/2019. This policy also requires the CWDs to send the TEMP 2250 to all CW recipients informing them of the MAP increase no later than 02/15/2019. Automation Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TEMP 2250 Informing Notice will be mailed to all active CalWORKs(CW) participants to inform the changes to the Maximum Aid Payment(MAP) levels on 02/07/19. The counties are responsible for sending the TEMP 2250 manually for CW cases active after 02/07/2019. C4Yourself - In the Announcement section a message about the 10% grant increase with a link to the TEMP 2250 will display from 03/01/2019 – 04/30/2019. Your Benefits Now - The TEMP 2250 form will be added to the list of viewable documents under the Electronic Notices page. The updated CW MAP values will be available in the systems on 02/14/2019. Run batch EDBC for CW and CalFresh (CF) for the April benefit month. Tentative run date is 3/9/2019. Batch Memorandum call will be February and list associated to the batch process will be available on the CalACES web portal on 2/11/2019.
		Build	Build	
		19.01	19.01	
		SCR 102190	SCR 204567	
		Design	Design	
		19.02	19.02	
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CalWORKs Outcomes and Accountability Review Cal-OAR	7/1/2019	SCR 102191 TBD	SCR 204569 TBD	<p>The CalWORKs Outcomes and Accountability Review (Cal-OAR) is a process for reviewing the CalWORKS program statewide while taking into account county diversity. Its goal is to promote program accountability, continual quality improvement, and meaningful tracking of program participation and outcomes.</p> <p>Development of the review process is led by a statewide legislatively-mandated work group of stakeholders from state agencies, counties, advocacy groups, research teams, the legislature, and CalWORKs recipient populations.</p> <p>Cal-OAR workgroup is to establish a local accountability system that facilitates continuous improvement of county CalWORKs programs by collecting and disseminating data and best practices.</p> <p>Cal-OAR three main components to be developed by July 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process and Outcome Performance indicators • CalWORKs county self-assessment process • CalWORKs county system improvement plan, including a peer review component. <p>The three elements produced by the Cal-OAR work group will improve county access to meaningful, real-time data and will encourage cross-county examination. This will help counties improve their program management decisions and provide a mechanism for elevating county best practices.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on next slide-</p>



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CalWORKs Outcomes and Accountability Review Cal-OAR	7/1/2019	SCR 102191 TBD	SCR 204569 TBD	<p>CalACES Update: CalACES is participating in the Cal-OAR Data Collection & Automation subcommittee. This workgroup is charged with developing the set of measures to evaluate program performance. These measures will be reported to CDSS on a monthly basis, which will result in a new state report. This effort will also include revision to the WTW 25 report.</p> <p>In December, the project re estimated this effort based on updates to the Cal-OAR indicators.</p>



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<p>CalHEERS - Verify Lawful Presence</p> <p>CH CR 92295 February 2019</p>		<p>100608</p> <p>Test</p> <p>19.02</p>	<p>201310</p> <p>Test</p> <p>19.02</p>	<p>The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is upgrading the DHS Verify Lawful Presence (VLP) interface. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CalHEERS (CH) and CalACES must also be updated to continue to communicate to DHS for VLP. CH Change Request (CR) will update CH to use the updated CMS VLP interface.</p> <p>CalACES Update: System changes for this effort will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to CH eHit interface for VLP • Creates a new CH VLP interface between CH and CalACES for VLP • Provides a way to communicate when CH receives a VLP interface error code or when CH does not make a VLP call. <p>When a case is pure MAGI, the VLP interface will reduce worker double data entry and the system will notify the workers from within CIV/LRS by auto-creating tasks when CH receives citizenship information from DHS.</p> <p>The CH JADs for this effort are complete and the MC committee approved the SCR on 10/31/18.</p> <p>C-IV: The DRAFT job aid will be sent via CIT to the counties no later than January 18, 2019. C-IV Functional Presentation (CFP) is being developed.</p> <p>LRS: The DRAFT job aid will be sent via CIT to the counties no later than January 18, 2019.</p>



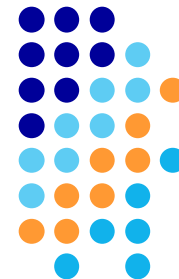
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<p>Notice of Action Requirements at Annual Renewal or Change in Circumstance</p> <p>Draft ACWDL received on 4/17/18</p>	TBD	<p>SCR 100708</p> <p>Analysis</p> <p>Release TBD</p>	<p>SCR 202724</p> <p>Analysis</p> <p>Release TBD</p>	<p>In accordance with Federal Regulations, counties are required to send a Notice of Action to MAGI beneficiaries who have no change in their eligibility or level of benefits at annual renewal or when an eligibility determination at change in circumstance results in resetting the annual renewal date.</p> <p>In the draft ACWDL it states that SAWS must make all necessary programming changes to automate the use of the MAGI and Non-MAGI NOA snippet language included within this ACWDL no later than six months after the release of this ACWDL. The final ACWDL was recently approved and should be released in the next week or so.</p> <p>CalACES Update: The design team, consortium staff, and QA staff reviewed the draft ACWDL and provided comments to DHCS on 4/24/18.</p>



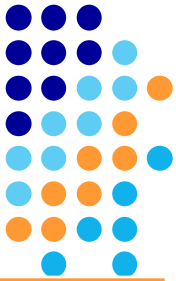
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<p>Gender Recognition ACT</p> <p>AB 959 / SB 179</p> <p>ACL18-133</p>	<p>7/1/2018</p>	<p>SCR 101841</p> <p>Analysis</p> <p>Release TBD</p>	<p>SCR 202458</p> <p>Analysis</p> <p>Release TBD</p>	<p>No Change since the last meeting</p> <p>CDSS was working on revising the SAWS 2 Plus to include additional programs, newly passed legislative requirements to track sexual orientation/gender identity (SOGI), incorporate the SAWS 2A SAR information and align with the CMS requirements for the health care program application requirements. As of December 2017, this effort is on hold.</p> <p>On July 31, 2018 CDSS notified SAWS that the SAWS 2 PLUS and the SAWS 1 PLUS revisions are on hold. However, they are developing a new form CW 2223 that will be used to document the applicant(s)/recipient(s) to answer the SOGI questions. SAWS received the draft ACL and CW 2223 form on July 30, 2018. CalACES sent comments to CDSS on the draft ACL and form in early August.</p> <p>On 11/8/18, ACL 18-133 was published. This ACL provides guidance on the implementation of AB 959 and SB 179 for CalWORKs, Refugee Cash Assistance, CAPI and CalFresh. In addition, this letter provides instructions for use of the CW 2223 form to collect demographic data required by AB 959.</p> <p>At the SAWS policy meeting on 11/14/18, CDSS notified SAWS that a draft of the revised SAWS 2 PLUS and SAWS 1 will be sent for stakeholder input mid December.</p>



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Add VUR Functionality for Non Assistance CalFresh (NACF) ACL 13-17	10/1/2013	SCR 619 Analysis Release TBD	Implemented	<p>No change since last meeting. CW/CF Committee High Priority CalFresh SCRs: Due to a waiver denial, CWDs must act on any NACF changes considered verified upon receipt (VUR). CDSS has drafted an ACIN to published the VUR chart (Mid Period Guide) and a Q&A. CDSS sent out the draft ACL on 2/8/18.</p> <p>C-IV Update: Design is pending receipt of CDSS policy Q&A.</p> <p>LRS Update: VUR was included in the initial implementation of the LRS System. Verification logic in LRS is different from C-IV and is automated. LRS verification logic is based on Report Date and Change Reason logic.</p>



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MC RE Informational Packets for Application and Renewal MEDIL I 14-54	2014	SCR 924 Analysis Release TBD	SCR 52371 Implemented Release 17.05	<p>No change since last meeting. Counties are required to provide the publications listed in this MEDIL to all households at the time of initial application when submitted to the county directly in person, by phone, by mail or through eNotification and at renewal.</p> <p>C-IV Update: The approach was to create three informational packets, one for applications and two for renewals. Due to the substantial increase in project operations cost and a shift in county postage cost, this item was discussed at PSC in 2017. OSI indicated there was no additional funding for this effort. To avoid the cost of mailing these packets, PSC sent a Consortium Request for Policy Clarification (CRPC) to CDSS and DHCS requesting the packets be posted to the recipient’s C4Y account and if a PDF link to each packet on C4Yourself (C4Y) would satisfy the policy requirement.</p> <p>Note: <i>Due to the increase in volume that these automated packets would create, the Project would have to restructure the contract with the print center vendor.</i></p> <p>PSC approved the following C-IV implementation approach: The counties will continue to manually mail the informational packets as described in MEDIL I-14-54 until such time that State funding can be secured. When State funding is available and DHCS updates the PUB 68, the C-IV Project will finalize the SCR and present it to the Correspondence Committee for review and approval. Per DHCS on 10/26/17, the revised PUB 68 has been revised and split into an English and Spanish version. A draft version of the PUB 68 was sent for stakeholder review on 12/8/17.</p> <p>LRS Update: The forms are available in the template repository for end users to manually distribute to participants with the exception of the brochures that are targeted for 17.09 implementation. Also, no decision has been made on posting the publications to the participant’s YBN account.</p>