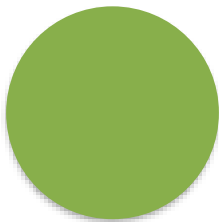




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C4Yourself Updates

Policy Effective Date & State Letter Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Implementation Details
	SCR 104154 Design Release 19.09	N/A	<p>CDSS expressed concerns that the expedited services and authorized representative questions in C4Yourself (C4Y) were missing some critical information. Below is a list of updates that will be made to C4Y:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The following expedited services questions will be added to C4Y:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Is your household's gross income less than \$150 and cash on hand, checking and savings accounts \$100 or less?○ Is your household's combined gross income and liquid resources less than the combined rent/mortgage and utilities?○ Are you a Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker? (This question just needs to be moved to the beginning of the application.)<p>Note: The questions above will be used to identify if the application is ES.</p>• Update C4Y to include the Authorized Rep Contact Information when answering yes to the specified question• Update the Application Summary on C4Yourself to include the new field for expedited services and authorized representative• Update C-IV e-Application detail page to display the expedited services and authorized representative questions• Update the Medical Expenses question to display for CalFresh

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Funding for Emergency Caregivers

Policy Effective Date & State Letter Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Implementation Details
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 3/30/2018 and 06/30/2018.
ACL 18-75	Implemented	Implemented	
CFL 18-19/81	Release 18.11	Release 18.11	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. For more information refer to ACL 18-75.
Draft ACWDL Aid Code 5L	SCR 101497	SCR 203634	
	Implemented	Implemented	Under the current program, relative caregivers and NREFMs are eligible for payment for up to six months during the approval process in 2018-19, and in 2019-20 are eligible for up to three months of payments, funded primarily under the Emergency Assistance TANF program.
	Release 19.01	Release 19.01	
	SCR 102912	SCR 205913	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. Aid code 5L is available in MEDS.
	Design in Progress	Design in Progress	
	Release 20.01	Release 20.01	On 3/19/19, SAWS received a draft copy of the ACWDL for aid code 5L, the release date for the ACWDL is TBD.
			The CFL for aid code 5L was published on 5/10/19.

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CalWORKs – SB 726

Policy Effective Date & State Letter Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
<p>7/1/2019</p> <p>ACL 19-19</p>	<p>CIV-102502 Phase I</p> <p>System Test</p> <p>Release 19.07</p> <p>CIV-103623 Phase II</p> <p>New</p> <p>Release TBD</p>	<p>CA-205172 Phase I</p> <p>System Test</p> <p>Release 19.07</p> <p>CA-207051 Phase II</p> <p>New</p> <p>Release TBD</p>	<p>Effective July 1, 2019, the CalWORKs overpayment threshold will be increased from \$35 to \$250. All other policy aspects of the CalWORKs overpayment threshold remain the same. CWDs are reminded that the overpayment threshold policy applies only to closed cases.</p> <p>The overpayment discharge for CalWORKs overpayment claims established on or after December 1, 1996, where the former client has been off aid for 36 consecutive months or longer is delayed until after CalSAWS implementation.</p> <p>CalACES Update: This policy will be implemented in multiple phases:</p> <p>Phase I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add a new Recovery Account Investigations value in the system. • Update the Uncollectible Recovery Account Batch to update the non-fraudulent recovery accounts for CalWORKs or RCA program with an Outstanding balance less than \$250 as 'Suspended'. • Update the Overpayment Adjustment Logic in LRS to start suggesting Benefit Reductions for those non-fraudulent Recovery Accounts that have an outstanding balance less than \$250 and the recovery account Status is 'Suspended' with the status reason of 'Policy Threshold Limit'.

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CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) Increase

Policy Effective Date & State Letter Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
10/1/2019	C-IV-103092	CA-206231	<p>The MAP increase applies to all CalWORKs cases, regardless of whether the Assistance Unit (AU) lives in Region One or Region Two and regardless of the AU's Exempt or Non-Exempt status. The CWDs are to treat the grant increase as a mandatory county-initiated mid-period action for Semi Annual Reporting (SAR) and Annual Reporting/Child Only (AR/CO) cases.</p> <p>CalWORKs and CalFresh recipients must be notified of changes to their CalWORKs grant and the associated impact of the household's CalFresh benefits no later than September 15, 2019.</p> <p>CalSAWS Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send the mail mass mailer to all active CW recipients by 9/15/19 • Update the CW MAP values • Add the new MAP increase Notice of Action fragment • Run batch EDBC on the impacted CW and CF cases
Draft ACL Received on 7/3/19	Design	Design	
	Release 19.07	Release 19.07	
	C-IV-103090	CA-206229	
	Design	Design	
	Release 19.07	Release 19.07	
	C-IV-104521	CA-209326	
	Design	Design	
	Release TBD	Release TBD	

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Cal-OAR

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
7/1/2019 ACL 19-40	SCR 103934 Phase I New Release October 2019 SCR 104230 New Release 19.09 SCR 102191 Phase II New Release 20.05	SCR 208030 Phase I New Release October 2019 SCR 208720 New Release 19.09 SCR 204569 Phase II New Release 20.05	<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>Cal-OAR's 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>The CDSS/CWDA/SAWS automation meeting kicked off in May, this group meets bi-weekly.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on next slide-</p>

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7/1/2019 ACL 19-40	SCR 103934 Phase I New Release October 2019	SCR 208030 Phase I New Release October 2019	CDSS prioritized the requested Cal-OAR data elements into three phases to make the automation work manageable: Phase 1 - Priority variables that already exist in SAWS Phase 2 - Non-priority variables that already exist in SAWS, which includes Home Visiting indicators that are not in SAWS. Phase 3 - Variables that require SAWS to add new data elements.
	SCR 10230 New Release 19.09	SCR 208720 New Release 19.09	CalACES Implementation Approach: Manual Phase I – Manually send the files to CDSS, which will include the priority variables that already exist in SAWS. The process of manually sending the files to CDSS will begin in October 2019. The design for this effort will be reviewed and approved by CalACES consortium staff. CDSS and CWDA are still discussing the county validation effort for phase I. Two case flags will be created for the counties to track the Home Visiting Initiative (HVI), HVI Offered and HVI Received. The cases flag data will be included in Phase I.
	SCR 102191 Phase II New Release 20.05	SCR 204569 Phase II New Release 20.05	Automated Phase II and III – Automate the process to send the files to CDSS. This will include the priority variables from Phase I, 2 and 3 above. The project will work with the WTW Committee on this effort.

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Home Visiting Initiative (HVI)

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
1/1/2019 ACWDL – 4/25/19 ACWDL – 7/31/18	SCR 104042 New Release TBD SCR 104230 New Release 19.09 SCR 103989 New Release TBD	SCR 208265 New Release TBD SCR 208720 New Release 19.09 SCR 208155 New Release TBD	<p>The CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative (HVI) is a voluntary county program and interested counties are required to submit a proposal to CDSS.</p> <p>HVI is to support positive health, development and well-being outcomes for pregnant and parenting women, families, and infants born into poverty. The long-term goals for program participants include expanding their future educational, economic, and financial opportunities, stabilizing families and improving the likelihood of exiting poverty.</p> <p>Home visiting is an evidence-based, voluntary program model that pairs new parents with a nurse, or other trained professional who makes regular visits in the participant’s home to provide guidance, coaching, access to prenatal and postnatal care, and other health and social services.</p> <p>CalACES Update: In April, SAWS received a copy of the draft ACL. The release date for this ACL is TBD. This effort is on hold until the final ACL is published.</p> <p>To support HVI data that is needed for Cal-OAR Phase I, the following cases flags will be added to the systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HVI Offered • HVI Received <p>Until system changes are implemented these case flags will be associated to the applicable HVI cases.</p>

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CalWORKs Revised Time on Aid Notice of Actions

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
6/20/2018 ACL 18-43	CIV-101570 New Release TBD	CA-204115 New Release TBD	<p>SB 72 reduced the CalWORKs time-on-aid clock to the current 48 months and SB 1041 implemented the Welfare-to-Work (WTW) 24-month time clock. To further the goal of improving clients' time on aid experience, in partnership with welfare advocates, CDSS collaborated to improve the following Time on Aid Notice of Action (NOA) messages:</p> <p>M40-107(c) – Time On Aid Between 42nd and 46th Month; M40-107(d) – Time on Aid to Former CalWORKs Recipients M40-107(g) – CalWORKs 48th Month on Aid</p> <p>CalACES Update: Both SCRs are SPG approved awaiting design to begin. Until the new NOAs are implemented counties can use the version on the CDSS website.</p>

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CalFresh SSI/SSP Expansion

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
<p>6/1/2019</p> <p>ACL 18-90</p> <p>ACL 18-91</p> <p>ACL 18-92</p>	<p>SCR 102555 (eICT)</p> <p>System Test</p> <p>Release 19.07</p> <p>SCR 103739 (Allow ESAP for SSI Households)</p> <p>Tested</p> <p>Release 19.07</p> <p>SCR 102560 (Threshold Language NOAs/Forms)</p> <p>Build</p> <p>Release 19.09</p>	<p>SCR 205294 (eICT)</p> <p>System Test</p> <p>Release 19.07</p> <p>SCR 207629 (Allow ESAP for SSI Households)</p> <p>Tested</p> <p>Release 19.07</p> <p>SCR 205319 (Threshold Language NOAs/Forms)</p> <p>Build</p> <p>Release 19.09</p>	<p>eICT Updates and the NOAs associated to ICTs are scheduled for implementation in July 2019.</p> <p>CalACES Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSI/SSP only CalFresh households are not being determined eligible to ESAP. System changes are targeted for the 19.07 release. • Child Support income not being counted for an SSI child receiving Direct Child support. System changes are targeted for the 19.07 release. • Nutritional Benefit issuances are appearing on Cash issuances reports. System changes are targeted for the 19.07 release. • CalFresh cases that are PA/CE and all members are receiving SSI benefits are receiving CalFresh NOAs where the income reporting threshold (IRT) amount is not populated. LRS system changes are targeted for the 19.07 release.

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CalFresh Notice of Expiration of Certification (NEC)

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
6/1/2019 ACL 18-118	SCR 102315 Tested Release 19.07	SCR 204834 Tested Release 19.07	<p>CDSS has updated the NEC form to comply with federal requirements as they apply to requisite language that must be included on the form. Further revisions to the form include removing language only relevant before Simplified Reporting was implemented in 2013, as well as additional revisions. The NEC form was also revised to update language regarding CalFresh eligibility for Supplemental Security Income and/or California State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) recipients.</p> <p>CalACES Update: The CF 377.2 (Notice of Expiration of Certification) 9/2018 version provided in ACL 18-118 will be added to the systems. This update will include adding the English and all currently system available Threshold Languages.</p> <p>LRS Existing Threshold languages for CF 377.2: Armenian, Cambodian, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.</p> <p>C-IV Existing Threshold languages for CF 377.2: Arabic, Armenian, Cambodian, Chinese, Hmong, Lao, Farsi, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.</p> <p>The translated versions came back from the translation vendor on 6/3/19.</p>

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Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
<p>1/1/2017 Fixed Clock</p> <p>8/31/2019 Waiver Expires</p> <p>ACIN I-11-16</p> <p>ACIN I-88-16</p> <p>ACL 18-08 ABAWD Handbook</p>	<p>SCR 7215 Phase II</p> <p>Build</p> <p>Release 19.09</p>	<p>SCR 57971 Phase II</p> <p>Build</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 8/31/2019. In September, CDSS submitted another ABAWD waiver request to FNS for the time period 9/1/2018-8/31/2019. If the waiver is approved, three additional counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, and Marin) will be required to implement the ABAWD policy effective September 2019. The ABAWD Handbook version 2.0 draft was sent to the counties for review on July 1, 2019.</p> <p>CalACES Update:</p> <p>The SCR design was sent to the CW/CF committee on 5/3/2019 and the project met with CW/CF committee on 5/6/19 to review the design. Committee touch point meetings are scheduled for 5/20, 5/29, and 5/30. The purpose of the meeting on 5/30 is to review the final design for committee approval. The committee approved the design on 5/30/19. A CIV functional presentation is being created for these changes.</p> <p>Phase II changes include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to ABAWD exemption logic • Updates to Count persons as ABAWD in a partial month • Provide a manual way for case workers to indicate whether the ABAWD work requirement was met • Add a task and batch EDBC closure for ABAWD that does not meet work requirement and has no other exemption, good cause, etc. • Provide a way to track whether an ABAWD regained eligibility by meeting the work requirement • Add new ABAWD MEDS codes, calendar, and transactions • Updates to Time Limit data collection pages • New NOAs and forms • Update the Stat 47 report

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CalWORKs/CalFresh AB 2030

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
1/1/2019 ACL 19-13	SCR 103014 New Rejected	SCR 206090 New Release TBD	<p>AB 2030 requires CDSS to include, in any amendments or revisions to the standard initial application and semiannual report form adopted on or after January 1, 2019, questions that enable applicants and recipients to disclose disabilities, any need for accommodations due to disabilities, and any experiences of domestic violence/abuse.</p> <p>Additionally, AB 2030 requires any single state automated welfare system to include a notification to the caseworker that an applicant or recipient has disclosed a disability or experience of domestic violence, or has indicated a need for an accommodation due to disability. This notification must be immediately visible to the caseworker upon opening the applicant's or recipient's file in the system. This will be addressed in CalSAWS.</p> <p>CDSS Update – 4/2/19: The direction for the consolidated application becoming two separate forms (SAWS 1 and SAWS 2) has changed. The new direction is to use a single streamlined application, SAWS 2 PLUS. The updated version of the SAWS 2 PLUS will include the requirements and questions mandated by AB 2030. When the SAWS 2 PLUS changes are complete CDSS will send the updated form and ACL to stakeholders for review and comment. The tentative publication is Spring of 2020.</p> <p>The revised SAR 7 does not have an estimated publication date.</p>

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CalFresh Redesign of Overissuance Notices

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
5/3/2019 ACL 18-50	SCR 5849 New Release TBD	SCR 202684 New Release TBD	<p>ACL 18-50 introduces redesigned CalFresh overissuance notices of action. The changes to the CalFresh OI NOAs were made to enhance client comprehension and readability; clarify requirements through wording and design changes; simplify the forms by reformatting and eliminating unnecessary language; improve the flow and continuity of information; and increase the effectiveness and efficiency of requested processes.</p> <p>CalACES Update: Both SCRs are SPG approved awaiting design to begin. Until the new NOAs are implemented counties can use the version on the CDSS website.</p>

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CalFresh Revised Excess Medical Deduction form CF 31

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
6/1/2019 ACL 18-141	SCR 103015 New Release TBD	SCR 206080 New Release TBD	<p>The CF 31 is used to identify excess medical expenses that may qualify a household to claim the medical or standard medical deduction. Revisions were made to provide clarification on the use of the term “disabled”, as well as the types of verification that may be provided as proof of a medical expense.</p> <p>CalACES Update: Both SCRs are SPG approved awaiting design to begin.</p>

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Notice of Action Requirements at Annual Renewal or Change in Circumstance

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
<p>7/1/2019</p> <p>ACWDL 19-03</p>	<p>SCR 100708</p> <p>Build</p> <p>Release 19.09</p>	<p>SCR 202724</p> <p>Build</p> <p>Release 19.09</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 circumstances results in resetting the annual renewal date.</p> <p>CalACES Update: The system change design is final and the committee approved the SCRs on 4/18/2019.</p> <p>System changes will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update requirements for Notices of Action (NOAs) for customers who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have no change in their Medi-Cal eligibility or level of benefits at annual renewal, or ○ When an eligibility determination at change of circumstances results in resetting the annual renewal date. • Add specific case information required for each individual to NOAs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MAGI – HH Size, HH Income, Tax Filing Status, Marital Status, Pregnant (Yes only), Have a Child Responsible For (Yes only), Citizenship/Immigration Status, MAGI Income Limit ○ Non-MAGI – HH Size, HH Income, Marital Status, Countable Property, Blind or Disabled (Yes or No), Pregnant (Yes only), Have a Child Responsible For (Yes only), Citizenship/Immigration Status • New 10-Day reporting requirement snippet.

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CalWORKs Stage One Child Care Continuous Eligibility

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
10/1/2019	TBD	TBD	<p>The State budget enacted policy that requires CalWORKs recipients to receive a minimum of 12 months of Stage One child care in order to be determined stable and able to transition to Stage Two.</p> <p>This policy also includes noticing requirements of the availability of child care and child care reports, which is not part of the October 2019 effective date.</p> <p>The Senate adopted the Administration's May revision proposal and provided an additional ongoing funding to allow stage one child care to be available for additional program activities and to establish a data sharing system between county welfare departments and child care contractors to ensure that child care is not disrupted during transfer (consistent with Senate Bill 321).</p>

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Medi-Cal Expansion for Young Adults

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
1/1/2020 Draft ACWDL Received on 6/7/19 Draft NOAs Received on 7/1/19	SCR 103662 Design Release 19.11 Priority	SCR 206941 Design Release 19.11 Priority	<p>Building upon SB 75 the Governors budget proposes to expand full-scope Medi-Cal coverage to eligible young adults aged 19 through 25 regardless of immigration status, starting no sooner than July 1, 2019. However, DHCS proposed a January 1, 2020 effective date.</p> <p>CalHEERS eHIT changes for this policy are scheduled for implementation on September 23, 2019 (19.9 release).</p> <p>DHCS is setting up a workgroup to discuss the implementation of this policy. The workgroup will include SAWS and Counties participants and will start sometime in April.</p> <p>JADs are complete. DHCS has not provided draft copies of the ACWDL and threshold NOA snippets.</p> <p>CalACES Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notice of action changes• Aid code rule changes to account for the increased age limit• Updates to existing batch changes <p>-Continued on Next Slide-</p>

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Medi-Cal Expansion for Young Adults

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV Status	LRS Status	Description – CalACES Implementation Effort
1/1/2020 Draft ACWDL Received on 6/7/19	SCR 104022 Design Release 19.11 Priority	SCR 208241 Design Release 19.11 Priority	Turn on young adult expansion eHIT functionality and process a one-time batch EDBC run. Per DHCS, this needs to run in December 2019 for Jan 2020 benefit month. This batch process will re-evaluate individuals for full scope Medi-Cal if they are age 19-25, inclusive, and receiving restricted scope Medi-Cal.
Draft NOAs Received on 7/1/19	SCR 103874 Design Release 19.11 Priority	SCR 207950 Design Release 19.11 Priority	On-going Batch portion of Young Adult Expansion, which will create an age 26 batch process to re-evaluate individuals for Medi-Cal due to aging out of young adult expansion aid codes. The first time this batch needs to run will be in January 2020 for February 2020 benefit month.