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Changes to Asset and Vehicle Value Limits

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1 OVERVIEW

The current functionality on the CalWORKs (CWs) program defines cash, bonds, mortgages, or similar assets as personal property and it determines personal property items such as retirement and education accounts in accordance to CalFresh rules when determining property, except for treatment of motor-vehicles.

1.1 Current Design

1. CalWORKs families are allowed to retain countable resources in an amount equal to the amount allowed under SNAP administered in California as CalFresh. CalWORKs families have property provisions that allow all members of the family

to have no more than \$2,250 in resources, unless an Assistance Unit (AU) member is 60 years of age or older or disabled, for which the case limit is \$3500.

2. Any nonexempt vehicle is evaluated for the vehicle's equity value, not to exceed a limit of \$9,500. Any equity value that exceeds \$9,500 is counted against the AU's resource limit of \$2,250 for a participant who is below 60 years of age, or \$3,500 for an AU with a member 60 years of age or older or disabled.

1.2 Requests

1. Per ACL 19-67, effective June 1, 2020 and annually thereafter the resource threshold will increase by an amount equal to the increase in the California Necessities Index for the most recent fiscal year, therefore the CalWORKs resource limits will no longer be based on CalFresh. The maximum asset limit for a CalWORKs AU will be increased from \$2,250 to \$10,000.
 - a. When a CalWORKs AU includes a member who is 60 years of age or older or disabled, the maximum asset limit will be increased from \$3,500 to \$15,000.
2. Effective June 1, 2020 the maximum allowable equity value of any nonexempt motor vehicle will be increased from \$9,500 to \$25,000.
 - a. Any equity value that exceeds \$25,000 is counted against the AU's resource limit of \$10,000, or \$15,000 for an AU that includes a member who is aged 60 years or older or disabled.
3. For each motor vehicle with an equity value of more than \$25,000, the equity value in excess of \$25,000 shall be counted toward the AU's resources.

1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update EDBC rules (CT 335-84 CalWORKs Property Limit) that apply the resource test to perform calculations based on the new limits.
2. Update EDBC rules (CT 335-AN CW Motor Vehicle Disregard) that apply vehicle property limit amounts to perform calculations based on the new limits.

1.4 Assumptions

1. There are no changes impacting the rules regarding restricted accounts.
2. Current CalWORKs rules that exempt the entire value of a motor vehicle in certain situations will remain unchanged.
3. Forms and NOAs will be updated to reflect the updated values as part of the SCRs CA-209033 C-IV-104383.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Eligibility: Update EDBC rules (CT 335-84 CalWORKs Property Limit) that apply the resource test to perform calculations based on the new limits.

2.1.1 Overview

The current resource provisions in CalWORKs regulations (which incorporate SNAP/CalFresh property limits) allow all members of the CWs AU to have no more than \$2,250 in resources unless an AU member is 60 years of age or older or disabled, in which case the limit is \$3,500.

2.1.2 Description of Changes

Per ACL 19-67, effective June 1, 2020 the property limit will increase from \$2,250 to \$10,000 for CWs AUs that do not contain a member who is 60 years of age or older or disabled and from \$3,500 to \$15,000 for CWs AUs that do contain a member who is age 60 years of age or older or disabled.

Property Eligibility	Regular
Data Month Property:	\$ 0.00
Benefit Month Property:	\$ 400.00
Property Limit:	\$ 10,000.00
Result:	Pass

Figure 1: CalFresh EDBC Summary

The highlighted line in the figure above details the current Property limit for a family with an applicant or receiptee who is younger than 60 years of age. This amount will change to \$10,000.

2.1.3 Programs Impacted

CalWORKs

2.2 Eligibility: Update EDBC rules (CT 335-AN CW Motor Vehicle Disregard) that apply on vehicle property limit amount to perform calculations based on the new limits

2.2.1 Overview

Currently, any non exempt vehicle is evaluated for the vehicle's equity value. Any value that exceeds \$9,500 is counted against the AU's resource.

2.2.2 Description of Changes

Per SB 80, effective June 1, 2020, the disregard will be increased from \$9,500 to \$25,000. Any amount in excess of the disregard will be counted against the AU's property limit.

Property History Detail

*- Indicates required fields

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Change Reason

New Change Reason: * - Select -	New Reported Date: * <input type="text"/>
Change Reason: Intake	Reported Date: 10/25/2019

Property Category: Motor Vehicle	Property Type: Automobile
Fair Market Value Source: * Blue Book	Fair Market Value: * 26,000.00
DMV Class Code: <input type="text"/>	Year/Asterisk Year: <input type="text"/>
VLF Value: <input type="button" value="Calculate"/>	
Licensed: * Yes	Registered: * Yes
Status: * Available	Status Reason: <input type="text"/>
Non-Purchase Acquisition: <input type="text"/>	
Usage: * Personal	
Begin Date: * 10/01/2019	End Date: <input type="text"/>
End Date Reason: <input type="text"/>	Amount Received: <input type="text"/>
Encumbrance: <input type="text"/>	Encumbrance Source: <input type="text"/>
Verified: * Verified	

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Save and Return Cancel

Figure 2: Property History Detail

Case Info **Eligibility** Empl. Services Child Care Resource Databank Fiscal Special Units Reports Document Control Tools

Property Detail

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Owner	Property Type	Ownership	Value	Countable Amount
Pedro, Assuncao	Automobile	100.0%	\$26,000.00	1,000.00
Total				\$1,000.00

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Figure 3 : Property Detail

Name	DOB	Role	Role Reason	Status	Status Reason
Pedro, Assuncao	01/01/1980	MEM		Active	
Son, Child	01/01/2005	MEM		Active	

Override Program Configuration

▸ Reporting Configuration

▸ Work Eligibility

▸ New IRT Calculation

Property Eligibility	Regular
Data Month Property:	\$ 0.00
Benefit Month Property:	\$ 1,000.00
Property Limit:	\$ 10,000.00
Result:	Pass

CalWORKs Applicant Financial Eligibility Test **Regular**

Figure 4: CalWORKs Property Eligibility

2.2.3 Programs Impacted

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2.3 Automated Regression Test

2.3.1 Overview

The existing regression test scripts that verify the CalWORKs property limits will need to be updated to account for the increased values. At the time of this design submission, this includes the following script only:

- CW - Property Limits

Note: Actual script impacts will be re-assessed during change implementation.

2.3.2 Description of Changes

Update the existing regression test scripts to verify the updated CalWORKs property limits, as applicable, as of the applicable effective date: June 1, 2020.

3 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Project Requirements

REQ #	REQUIREMENT TEXT	How Requirement Met
2.16.1.2	The LRS shall include an automated method for implementing mass updates triggered by policy changes or mass participant financial changes, including Social Security or Veterans benefits cost of living adjustments (COLAs).	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The maximum limit for CalWORKs AUs the household will be increased from \$2,250 to \$10,000.2. The maximum allowed non-exempt vehicle equity value is increased from \$9,500 to \$25,000