

CalSAWS | Notes from Fiscal Committee Meeting

Date: January 22, 2020	Meeting Location: Conference Call
Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am	
Meeting Called by: Sheryl Eppler	
Attendees: Region 1: Contra Costa, Monterey Region 2: Placer, Sacramento, Yolo Region 3: Butte Region 4: Fresno, Stanislaus Region 5: Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino Region 6: Los Angeles CalSAWS: North and South	

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Housekeeping

- Meeting Minutes: Region 2 - Stephen volunteered (THANK YOU!)

Release 20.01 (January 27, 2020)

- CA-53824 – DDCR 5042: Auto Reactivate Dormant/Expunged EBT Account – No Questions
- CA-200279 – DDCR 5026: Add Logic for Payment Requests on Closed Service Arrangements – No Questions
- CA-201415 – DDID 1967: DDCR 3013: Update Reissuances to Follow the Original Payee and Issuance Method – No Questions
- CA-201420 – DDID 1967: DDCR 3077: Update EBT Benefit Type Short Description for SAFEAL and SAFETP – No Questions
- CA-207089 – Update Converted Leader Claims on LRS – No Questions
- CA-210591 – Update LA County Accounting String Information for Refunds form FC Trust Fund Accounts – **Question:** Is that only LA County? **Answer:** Yes
- CIV-105693 – Update Stanislaus Issuance Thresholds – **Question:** Will we still have to divide the service arrangements into 2 payments? Or can you put it all into 1? **Answer:** Depending on your County warrant amount limits CalSAWS will process any limit. Issuance thresholds are set per Program per County, but you can have a manager or deputy director override.

Release 20.03 (March 24, 2020)

- CA-201074 – DDCR 4059: Update Valuable Inventory Management – No Questions
- CA-201434 – DDCR 4002: Update determination of Expungement Date – No Questions
- CA-204747 – CalWORKs clock is ticking for parent who is under 18 years old – **Question:** Is there a system issue with exchange in the fact that the system does not refer parents under 18 who are active on CalWORKs to Cal Earned program issue or just fixing the time clock? Also, why doesn't the system refer individuals to Cal Earned? **Answer:**

Background/policy:

The Cal-Learn Program serves welfare recipients under 19 years old who are custodial parents or pregnant. To encourage these teen parents to stay in or return to high school or an equivalent program and earn a diploma or its equivalent, the Cal-Learn Program provides fiscal incentives and disincentives as well as needed supportive services and intensive case management.

The major program requirements of the Cal-Learn Program are as follows:

Each teen parent will be required to attend full-time school programs that will lead to a high school diploma or equivalent until he or she earns a high school diploma or its equivalent or turns 19 years old.

LRS functionality:

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When a CalWORKs EDBC is run and the program is approved, the LRS system automatically determines whether the applicant is a mandatory Cal-Learn participant, based on information entered by the EW during the CalWORKs interview.

Cal-Learn is mandatory for anyone in the CalWORKs household who meets all of the following requirements:

- Under 19 years old
- No high school diploma or equivalent
- Pregnant or parenting
- CalWORKs status is Active

The LRS system creates an Automated Program Action section for Cal-Learn on the CalWORKs EDBC Results page for each applicant who meets the criteria listed above.

The LRS system assigns a status of Pending to the automatically created Cal-Learn program.

During a nightly batch run, the Cal-Learn Program is assigned to the appropriate Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) agency, based on the zip codes that each AFLP office handles.

- CA-205441/CIV-10075 – Add Need Categories for Family Stabilization and Housing Support to needs Detail page - No Questions – A Pay Code chart will be going out soon.
- CIV-106069 – Update Tuolumne County Issuance Threshold – No Questions

Release 20.05 (May 18, 2020)

- CA-57266 – DDCR 5082 Add Voucher Type to Service Arrangement Detail Page – No Questions
- CA-200455 – DDCR 4035: Add Verification Fees Need Type – **Question:** Will this change affect any reports? **Answer:** It will be the same as your current need type, need categories are reported on the service arrangement reports. These would be reported on those if your County actually uses them, if your County doesn't, you can set that issuance threshold to zero so your County can't issue it.
- CA-201484 – DDCR 5043: CRFI 17-002 – Update County Voucher Valuable Options – No Questions
- CA-208155/CIV-103989 – CFL 18/19-49 Create one new Pay Code for CalWORKs Home Visiting Program (HVP) – Within a week or so they will be sending out 6-8 pay codes for the HVP program. **Question:** Why are they doing so many different Pay codes? **Answer:** We are matching Pay Codes to the applicable State PINs. There are a lot of things that need to be reported and claimed on them.
- CA-209221/CIV102606 – Add State PINs to Integrated Service Payment/Valuable Detail Claiming Report – No Questions
- CA-210580 – Automate the creation of months for Supportive Service recipients – No Questions
- CIV-104264 – Update FIS Password for EBT system 2020 – No Questions

Returning Business

- No Returning Business

New Business

- CER's : None
- CFET Need Categories and Need Types (CalFresh Committee CER# CA-208111) – Originally came into the CalFresh committee as CER and they are going to review it at the CalFresh committee. The business analyst in charge of the CalFresh committee is Tyler Vaisau. If you have questions let Sheryl know and she will forward to Tyler. – **Question:** Is this regards to the change in the childcare that they don't have to be linked to an activity and make childcare payments? **Answer:** No, it has to do with CFET - CalFresh Employment Training similar to Welfare to Work but is available through the CalFresh program.
- CA-202165 – Revert to Manual Validation of the Duplicate Issuance for Resubmission (need to implement before migration) – **Discussion:** Regional Vote on this – Approval from all Regions to get this SCR prioritized to get in early 2021 before migration. (No response from Fresno County).

New CFLs

- 19/20-05 – Clarification and reminders of cash claiming requirements for Administrative and Assistance County claims - No SCR needed
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- 19/20-11 – Reminder regarding the electronic benefit transfer settlement and reconciliation regulations and the implementation of a state account tied to the supplemental nutrition benefit and transitional nutrition benefit program - No SCR needed
- 19/20-17 – California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS) Outcomes and Accountability Review (Cal-OAR) claiming. – No SCR needed
- 19/20-20 – Updated claiming instructions for Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) (Formerly known as Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System [SACWIS]) – No SCR needed
- 19/20-21 – Claiming guidance for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS) families receiving family reunification services and temporary homeless assistance per assembly bill 236 – Maybe need SCR - **Discussion** - We do have the aid codes (4R and 4P) in the system, so we don't need new pay codes
- 19/20-22 – Updated claiming instructions due to the rebased County In-Home Supportive Services maintenance of effort – No SCR needed
- 19/20-34 – Instructions for the County accrual form for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – No SCR needed
- 19/20-36 – County Welfare Department (CWD) County Expense Claim (CEC) Time Study and Claiming Instructions for the December 2019 Quarter – No SCR needed
- 19/20-51 – Claiming instructions related to the Senate Bill 80 increase to the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS) program maximum aid payment levels – **Discussion** **removing consecutive nights for homeless. In CIV the # of nights is set on your service arrangement. Current CIV does not have the consecutive count block because of exceptions. (CIV-105386 / CA-211293)
- 19/20-56 – County Welfare Department County Expense Claim time study and claiming instructions for the March 2020 Quarter – No SCR

Top Ten

1	CA-206832 CIV-103324	Add Pay Code for claiming of CalWORKs payments issued under apparent eligibility CFL 18/19-30 – Looking into expanding this and trying to get some functionality built in automated around this and will be the next one they start working on.
2	CA-205441 CIV-10075	Add Need Category of Family Stabilization to Needs Detail page (Aimed towards 20.03)
3	CIV-100339	CFL 17/18-45 - Claiming for Emergency Child Care Bridge Pgm for Foster Children Pending
4	CA-57657	C-IV-11229: Update Foster Care EDBC Sweeps for new applications received for past month

Note – Looking into additional top 10 items. Sheryl will be sliding CA-202165 validation error message reissuance ability – will try to aim that SCR into early 2021.

2020 Meeting Schedule (Approved)

- Wednesday April 22, 2020 10:00am – 11:30am
- Wednesday July 22, 2020 10:00am – 11:30am
- Wednesday October 21, 2020 10:00am – 11:30am