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CIT Name:	ABAWD Discretionary Exemption Effort
From:	CalSAWS Project

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Description: (Including any step-by-step instructions)	<p>Purpose (Identify what Counties this CIT affects)</p> <p>The purpose of this CIT is to inform Marin County and counties who are losing their ABAWD waiver as of 04/01/2020 of the effort to automatically apply the ABAWD Discretionary Exemption (previously known as the 15% ABAWD Exemption) to non-exempt ABAWDs for the months of April and May 2020.</p> <p>NOTE: The information outlined in this CIT pertains to LRS and CIV Counties only.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>The USDA released its Final Rule governing waivers and individual exemptions under the ABAWD time limit rule. CDSS has informed the project that currently, California has over 850,000 discretionary exemptions in carryover that have accumulated over time. Beginning October 1, 2020, the Final Rule eliminates any discretionary exemptions remaining and limits future carryover of new discretionary exemptions provided after October 1, 2020. Since all currently available discretionary exemptions should be used by September 30, 2020, CDSS has directed counties to apply the discretionary exemptions for non-exempt ABAWDs for the months of April and May 2020. CDSS/CWDA/SAWS have been working on an approach to automate applying the discretionary exemption for April and May 2020.</p>
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Additional Information

CA-212650/CIV-106060 and CA-212648/CIV-106058 for the ABAWD Discretionary Exemption Effort have been emergency approved.

Below is an overview of the plan to apply the ABAWD Discretionary Exemptions to CalFresh cases in the LRS and C-IV systems:

The following occurred on 02/19/2020:

1. Turn on ABAWD logic for non-waived counties with a begin date of 04/01/2020.
2. The system will automatically update the ABAWD Time Limit Clock records for non-exempt ABAWDs who are not meeting the work requirements to default the ABAWD Discretionary Exemption for April and May 2020.
NOTE: the system will not update 'Did not meet work requirement' records manually entered by the worker to the ABAWD discretionary exemption.
3. Run ABAWD Batch job for April and May 2020
4. The system will suppress the CF 377.11B (CalFresh Countable Month Letter) for April and May 2020
5. The ABAWD Discontinuance Sweep job will be disabled for April 2020 and May 2020
6. Add the CF 377.11C (CalFresh Informational Notice—CalFresh Time Limit for ABAWDs; this form is updated in C-IV), CF 377.11D (CalFresh Discretionary Exemption for ABAWD), and CF 377.11E (CalFresh ABAWD Time Limit Exemption Screening Form) forms to the Template Repository.

The following will take place on 03/19/2020:

1. One batch job will generate the CF 377.11C for counties losing their ABAWD waivers as of April 1st.
2. A second batch job will generate the CF 377.11D and CF 377.11E for all non-waived counties, including Marin County.

County Action

After 03/19/2020, the LRS and C-IV systems will continue to automatically apply the ABAWD Discretionary Exemption for non-exempt ABAWDs for the months of April and May 2020; however, it is the Worker's responsibility to manually generate a CF 377.11D from the template repository and mail it with the 377.11C and 377.11E as needed. The CF 377.11C, CF 377.11D and CF 377.11E will be available in the template repository.

In addition, the Worker will manually enter a '15% ABAWD exemption' time limit record on 'Time Limit Detail' page for non-exempt ABAWDs in the scenarios detailed below. In these scenarios, the Time Limit sync job will NOT update the 'Did not meet work requirement' time limit record to change the status reason to the ABAWD Discretionary Exemption (15% ABAWD exemption). The scenarios are as follows:

1. Intake case with a Beginning Date of Aid (BDA) of 04/01/20 or 05/01/20.
2. When an individual moves into the ongoing CalFresh household mid-month and is subsequently added to the CalFresh household in the following month with a BDA of 04/01/20 or 05/01/20.
3. When an individual loses their exemption on an ongoing CalFresh household and the worker runs EDBC for the following month, resulting in a time limit record of 'Did not meet work requirement' for 04/01/20 or 05/01/20.

As a reminder, in the situations above, the Worker will also manually generate the CF 377.11C, CF 377.11D and CF 377.11E from the template repository as appropriate.

	<p>Tip: The system has 'carry over' functionality based on the last authorized month. To prevent a 'Partial Month' time limit record from 'carrying over' in future month(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When approving CalFresh intake cases in which the initial month is a partial month, run and authorize EDBC for the initial partial month <u>and</u> the future, whole month(s). 2. When restoring ongoing CalFresh case (i.e. Restoration of Aid, Delayed Recertification Processing) with a break in aid, run and authorize the partial <u>and</u> future, whole month(s). <p>Lists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A list of ABAWDs that received an ABAWD Discretionary Exemption will be provided on 02/20/20, a second time on 05/01/20 and a final time on 06/01/20. A column for 'CF 377.11D Generated' has been added to assist counties in identifying cases in which the CF 377.11D was not manually generated. The February list of 'List of ABAWDs Subject to the Discretionary Exemption' can be found in the following location below. This list is for county information. No action is needed. Reminder: The 'CF 377.11D' column will be 'No' on the February list as the ABAWD notices are scheduled to be mailed on 3/19/20. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] 2. A list of cases in which individuals have a 'Did not meet work requirement' record will be provided on 05/01/20 and a final time on 06/01/20 for workers to review and manually update to the '15% ABAWD exemption' as appropriate. A separate CIT will be sent when the lists are available in May and June.
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<p>Web Portal Link:</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>OR</p> <p>You may also retrieve the CIT document and attachments by following these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click on the CRFIs & CITs link at the top of the page. 2. Click on the "CalSAWS Information Transmittal (CIT)" folder. 3. Click on the "2020" folder. 4. Click on the appropriate CIT # folder.



