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(Including any step-by-step instructions)	The purpose of this CIT is to notify C-IV and LRS counties that lists for SCRs CA-215275/CIV-106935 have been posted to the CalSAWS Web Portal.  Background  SCR CA-215275/CIV-106935 was implemented on 04/11/2020. This SCR issued emergency CalFresh benefits to CalFresh (CF) Households who had not already received the maximum benefit allotment for the April 2020 benefit month and those not picked up in the March 2020 sweep as part of SCR CA 214607/CIV 106766.  Per ACWDL dated April 2, 2020 (CalFresh Implementation Of The Families First Coronavirus Response Act: CalFresh Emergency Allotments), to increase food benefits in response to COVID-19 and its effects on the economy, California was approved to provide CF emergency allotments to eligible CF and TCF households for two months, March and April 2020.  Note: CDSS is requesting ongoing waivers month by month and has been approved for May 2020 through ACWDL dated 05/11/2020.		

All CF and TCF households not already at the maximum allowable allotment based on household size are eligible to receive a CF emergency allotment. Example: A household of 2 received \$150 in CalFresh in April received a \$205 CF emergency allotment on May 9<sup>th</sup> to bring them up to the maximum allotment amount of \$355 for 2 people.

CF households that previously received the maximum allowable allotment based on household size are not eligible to receive CF emergency allotments.

## **Additional Information**

CalSAWS implemented an automated process to issue the CF emergency allotments for eligible CF and TCF households. The automated process raised each household's regular monthly CF allotment to the maximum allowable allotment based on the household size.

The CF emergency allotments has been issued as a 'Supplemental Disaster CalFresh' (Supp DCFP) benefit type on the household's EBT card. An automated journal entry was added to all cases receiving a CF emergency allotment in May 2020.

- March and April emergency allotments generated on May 9<sup>th</sup> are available to the recipient as of May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Note:** This month's process included households who were eligible to CF but did not have an issuance due to a \$0 allotment.

Users will be able to view these emergency allotments on the 'Issuance Detail' page as 'Supp DCFP' in the Subcategory field; they will also be visible on the 'CalFresh EDBC Summary' page.

Since the CF emergency allotments are issued as a Supplemental Disaster CalFresh (Supp DCFP) benefit type, County users are <u>not</u> able to issue these emergency allotments through the system manually. The inability to issue the allotments manually is because the state has not authorized the administration of Disaster CalFresh, and CalSAWS is not enabling Disaster CalFresh functionality at this time. The only way to issue these CF emergency allotments is for CalSAWS to force the Supp DCFP issuances, regardless of the Disaster CalFresh functionality not being turned 'on'. At this time, there is no way for a user to be able to issue the CF emergency allotments with accurate funding/identification, therefore, CalSAWS will run an automated process to issue CF emergency allotments in June as detailed above.

Cases that receive a Validation/Submission error can be found on the 'Issuance Exception Report' and will need to have action taken to avoid a duplicate error in the next run.

## **County Action**

1. Per your county policy, review the lists of cases that have been affected by the implementation of SCR CA-215275/CIV-106935. The lists can be found at the below locations:

a.

	b.  If case updates are made; based on your county policy add a Journal entry to document case action taken.  2. Validation/Submission Errors must be actioned according to existing County Processes to ensure they are picked up during the May automated process.	
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