

# CalSAWS

California Statewide Automated Welfare System

## **Design Document**

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Update CalWORKs in Public Assistance CalFresh  
Budget at Initial Approval

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# 1 OVERVIEW

Per 7 CFR 273.10(c) when determining a household's eligibility and level of benefits, the county shall take into consideration the income received by the household during the certification period. The CalWORKs (CW) grant which has been received in a later month cannot be counted as unearned income in a prior CalFresh (CF) budget calculation. In addition, any retroactive CW grant is considered a non-recurring lump sum payment in the month received and should be excluded per MMP 63-301.633(b), MMP 63-301.634, MMP 62-502.2(j) and 7 CFR 273.9(c)(8).

The purpose of CA-212911 is to change the behavior of the CalSAWS system's logic to not include the prior month's CW grant in the CF budget when the CW/CF application is approved after the month of application.

## 1.1 Current Design

Per current CalSAWS functionality, when processing CW/CF EDBC for a prior month for intake application, the CW benefit grant received after the benefit month is being counted as unearned income for the CF benefit determination. For example, an applicant applies for CW/CF in March, and in April the CW/CF EDBC is approved. When the case is run for CW/CF EDBC for the benefit month of March and April, the March CW benefit granted in April is for the benefit month of March being counted towards the CF budget as unearned income for the benefit month of March.

The screenshots below illustrate the current functionality:

**Run EDBC**

\*- Indicates required fields

Change Reason Run EDBC Cancel

**Benefit Processing Range:**

**Begin Month: \***  **End Month: \***

<input type="checkbox"/>	Program	Status	Timely Notice Exception	Reason	Run Reason
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CalWORKs	Pending			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CalFresh	Pending			

Figure 1: EDBC Summary – EDBC run in April for CW/CF for the March and April benefit months.

**EDBC List**

[Cancel](#)

Display by:  
 Program:  Type Reason:  Run Status:  From:  To:  [View](#)

**Search Results Summary** Results 1 - 4 of 4

Begin Month	End Month	Program	Type	Run Status	Auth Amount	Date Run	EDBC Source
03/2020	03/2020	CalWORKs	Regular	Not Accepted	359.00	04/24/2020	Online EDBC Rules
03/2020	03/2020	CalFresh	Regular	Not Accepted	183.00	04/24/2020	Online EDBC Rules
04/2020		CalWORKs	Regular	Not Accepted	696.00	04/24/2020	Online EDBC Rules
04/2020		CalFresh	Regular	Not Accepted	246.00	04/24/2020	Online EDBC Rules

Figure 2: EDBC Summary List – CW and CF results for the benefit months of March and April.

**CalFresh EDBC Summary**

\* - Indicates required fields [Change Reason](#) [Accept](#) [Cancel](#)

Begin Month	End Month	Run Date	Run Status	Accepted By
03/2020	03/2020	04/24/2020	Not Accepted	

**EDBC Information**

**Semi-Annual Reporting Period Begin**  
 Month: 03/2020

**Reporting Type Reason:**  
 Type: Regular

**Recalculation:** No

Figure 3: CF EDBC Summary – EDBC is run in April for the Benefit Month of March

Gross Income Eligibility		Regular
Unearned Income		\$ 359.00
Earned Income		+ 0.00
Total Gross Nonexempt Income		= 359.00
Household Size		2
Maximum Gross Income		\$ 0.00
Result		Waived

  

Net Income Eligibility		Regular
Unearned Income		\$ 359.00
Earned Income		+ 0.00
Deductions		- 167.00
Total Adjusted Income		= 192.00

Figure 4 (Continuation of figure 3): CF EDBC Summary – CW grant received in April (for the month of March) is being counted as unearned Income for the benefit month of March

EDBC Person Line Item Detail - Unearned Income			
			Close
Name	Type	Description	Amount
Jones, Dave 2M	CalWORKs	\$359.00 CalWORKs + \$0.00 Sanction/Penalty/Special Needs - \$0.00 Admin Error Recoupment (from the 03/2020 EDBC run 04/24/2020)	\$ 359.00
			<b>Total \$ 359.00</b>
			Close

Figure 5: EDBC Person Line Detail - Unearned Income

## 1.2 Requests

1. Per Federal SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.10( c ) and clarified in CRPC 2167:"If the amount of income that will be received, or when it will be received, is uncertain, that portion of the household's income that is uncertain shall not be counted by the State agency". CW grant which has been received in a later month shall not be counted as unearned income in a prior CF budget calculation.

## 1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update CF EDBC logic to not include CW benefit grant as unearned income when CF EDBC is processed for a prior month at initial application.

## 1.4 Assumptions

1. There will be no retroactive eligibility determination. After the changes are in the CalSAWS systems the future cases will be impacted with this change.
2. Pending intake applications will be impacted by this change

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

### 2.1 Update CF EDBC Logic to Not Include CW Benefit Grant for the Previous Month Calculation on an Intake application

#### 2.1.1 Overview

The CalSAWS system will not include CW benefit grant as unearned income when CF EDBC is processed for a prior month at initial application.

#### 2.1.2 Description of Changes

1. Update CF EDBC logic for intake applications not to include the CW benefit grant as unearned income if the grant was issued in a later month.
  - a. Example:
    - i. Application date is March 15<sup>th</sup>. On April 5<sup>th</sup> the application process is completed for both CW and CF.
    - ii. On April 5<sup>th</sup> CW and CF programs are approved for March benefit month.
    - iii. By Approving March's benefits (prior month) for CW & CF on April 5<sup>th</sup>, the CW grant will not be counted as unearned income in the March CalFresh budget.

Gross Income Eligibility		Regular
Unearned Income	\$	0.00
Earned Income	+	0.00
Total Gross Nonexempt Income	=	0.00
Household Size		2
Maximum Gross Income	\$	0.00
Result		Waived
Net Income Eligibility		Regular
Unearned Income	\$	0.00
Earned Income	+	0.00

Figure 4: CF EDBC Summary – CF EDBC Summary – CW grant received in April (for the month of March) is not being counted as unearned Income for the month of March.



### 2.1.3 Programs Impacted

CW, CF

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### 3 REQUIREMENTS

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#### 3.1 Project Requirements

REQ #	REQUIREMENT TEXT	How Requirement Met
2.8.2.5	The LRS shall separately and concurrently evaluate information for each type of benefit the applicant/participant has requested, following the order of related assistance group processing (i.e., cash assistance is calculated first in order to be used in the CalFresh calculation).	Update the CF EDBC logic to not include the CW benefit amount as an unearned income for a prior month at an intake application.

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