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1 OVERVIEW

This document details the changes necessary in LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV to implement the adjusted schedules of rates that reflect the California Necessities Index (CNI) increase of 3.72% for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 for Foster Care (FC) and Kin-GAP (KG) programs.

In LRS/CalSAWS, ARC is a subset of the Foster Care program, so the rates for ARC are implicitly updated by updating the Foster Care rates to the new levels for the FY 2020-21.

The CNI increase is applicable to out-of-home placements and the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) program.

This document also reflects the CNI increase to be applied to Dual Agency and other additional rates applicable to FC programs effective July 1, 2020.

The one-time batch run details related to the CNI COLA Rate increase for FC/KG programs can be found under the SCR's CA-217268 for LRS/CalSAWS and CIV-107488 for C-IV Systems.

1.1 Current Design

Currently LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV use the CNI rates of FY 2019-20 that are effective from July 1, 2019.

C-IV and LRS/CalSAWS generates Rate Change NOAs to notify FC/KG vendors when FC/KG Monthly rate changes due to COLA or any other reason.

1.2 Requests

- As per the ACL 20-78, the new CNI rate increase for the FY 2020-21 will be implemented in LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV effective July 1, 2020.
- C-IV - Add an entry of COLA Month to the COLA Program Months CT table for FC/KG COLA NOAs to be generated.
- LRS/CalSAWS – Update the hard-coded COLA begin and end dates to the new dates for NOAs to be generated with correct COLA month.
- Update the regulation reference of ACL 19-70 to ACL 20-78 for FC/KG COLA NOA.

1.3 Overview of Recommendations

- The Code detail tables that reflect the CNI rates will be updated for all the applicable placement types.
- Update the CT744_DC Short and Long Decode names from “DCFS Annual COLA” to “CWS Annual COLA”.
- C-IV - Add an entry of COLA Month to the COLA Program Months CT table for FC/KG COLA NOAs to be generated.
- LRS/CalSAWS – Update the hard-coded COLA begin and end dates to the new dates for NOAs to be generated with correct COLA month.
- Update the FC/KG COLA regulations to remove the ACL reference of 19-70 and add the ACL NO. 20-78.

1.4 Assumptions

- Under this SCR, Eligibility is only updating the amounts and effective dates of CNI rates in the Code Tables.
- COLA Rate in rate/code table updates are only the scope of this SCR.
- No change will be made to Rate determination logic in this SCR.
- Home Based Family Care (HBFC) Providers list referred in this SCR can be found at the end of design document.
- HBFC LOC2 thru LOC4 rates will not have change based on the CDSS/State recommendation that they will release another ACL if required.
- Foster Family Agency (FFA) facility types list referred in this SCR can be found at the end of design document.
- Existing COLA rate change NOA will generate during the COLA Batch run with the COLA effective month of July 2020 for FC/KG in C-IV and KG in LRS/CalSAWS.
- LRS/CalSAWS: Existing FC COLA rate change NOA will generate during the COLA Batch run with the effective months from July 2020 through Batch run months based on the EDBC run month.
- During the batch EDBC COLA run, the CCR Rate Change NOA will not be generated for EDBCs that have a rate change and are run for COLA month (LRS/CalSAWS Only).
- FC/KG Monthly rates that are changed manually by worker may result into generation of FC/KG COLA NOA if the Rate change effective month is same as COLA effective month for the program and EDBC is run for that month. Workers may suppress the generated COLA NOA in such cases and generate a manual NOA for FC/KG Rate change.
- Threshold FC/KG COLA NOAs will be added to the systems by a future SCR CA-209638/CIV-104665
- Under this SCR, there will be no impact to Fiscal process such as creating the issuances and then sending those issuances to the Auditor Controller in a separate COLA file.
- No COLA changes will be made to the Infant Supplement.
- Batch EDBC will continue to use the run reason "DCFS Annual COLA" for the Fiscal COLA payment file (LRS/CalSAWS Only).
- Batch EDBC will have a run reason for every month of COLA run (i.e. July, Aug, Sept).(LRS/CalSAWS Only).

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The CNI rates will be updated in LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV code tables for all the applicable placement types for Foster Care (FC) and Kin-GAP (KG) Programs.

2.1 Schedule A Basic rates for HBFC Homes (LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV)

- Schedule A Basic rates are applicable to both LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV systems.
- Schedule A rates apply to Kin-GAP cases in which dependency was dismissed and NRLG cases including probate whose guardianship was established, prior to May 1, 2011.

- For Foster Care programs these rates are paid when the child is in a Facility that receives the Home-Based Family Care (HBFC) rates and the selected Basic Rate Code in the rate detail page is Schedule A (LRS/CalSAWS Only; automatically set in C-IV).
- For Kin-GAP programs these rates are paid when the "Date of Legal Guardianship" is prior to May 1, 2011 in LRS/CalSAWS or Case Dismissal Date is prior to May 1, 2011 in C-IV.

2.1.1 Description of Changes

- Update HBFC Homes age-based standard state rates in LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV for Schedule A by end-dating the rate/code table records that began 07/01/2019 with an end date of 06/30/2020. Insert new rate/code table records effective 07/01/2020 with the following rates:

Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15 and Over
Basic	\$603	\$656	\$702	\$774	\$849

2.2 Schedule A specialized Rates for HBFC Homes (LRS/CalSAWS Only)

- Schedule A LRS/CalSAWS only specialized rates.
- The D, F1 thru F4 rates for Schedule A are only applicable to LRS/CalSAWS and these rates need to be updated in LRS/CalSAWS only.

Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15 and Over
D Rate	\$1,379	\$1,370	\$1,365	\$1,389	\$1,411
F1 Rate	\$972	\$959	\$956	\$980	\$999
F2 Rate	\$1,118	\$1,108	\$1,103	\$1,128	\$1,146
F3 Rate	\$1,379	\$1,370	\$1,365	\$1,389	\$1,411
F4 Rate	\$1,601	\$1,588	\$1,585	\$1,611	\$1,626

2.3 Schedule B Basic Rates for HBFC Homes (LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV)

- Schedule B Basic rates are applicable to both LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV systems.
- Schedule B rates applies to Kin-GAP cases where dependency was dismissed and NRLG cases including probate guardianship and guardianships established by the juvenile court, between May 1, 2011 and December 31, 2016.
- For Foster Care programs these rates are paid when the child is in a Facility that receives the Home Based Family Care (HBFC) rates and the selected Basic Rate Code in the rate detail page is Schedule B (LRS/CalSAWS Only; automatically set in C-IV).

- For Kin-GAP programs these rates are paid when the “Date of Legal Guardianship” is on / after May 1, 2011 and KG Summary begin date is on / before December 31, 2016 in LRS or Case Dismissal Date is on / after May 1, 2011 and on / before December 31, 2016 in C-IV.

2.3.1 Description of Changes

- Update HBFC Homes age-based standard state rates in LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV for Schedule B by end-dating the rate/code table records that began 07/01/2019 with an end date of 06/30/2020. Insert new rate/code table records effective 07/01/2020 with the following rates:

Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15 and Over
Basic	\$825	\$891	\$939	\$983	\$1,030

2.4 Schedule B specialized Rates for HBFC Homes (LRS/CalSAWS Only)

- Schedule B LRS/CalSAWS only specialized rates.
- The D, F1 thru F4 rates for Schedule B are only applicable to LRS/CalSAWS and these rates need to be updated in LRS/CalSAWS only.

Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15 and Over
D Rate	\$1,601	\$1,605	\$1,602	\$1,598	\$1,592
F1 Rate	\$1,194	\$1,194	\$1,193	\$1,189	\$1,180
F2 Rate	\$1,340	\$1,343	\$1,340	\$1,337	\$1,327
F3 Rate	\$1,601	\$1,605	\$1,602	\$1,598	\$1,592
F4 Rate	\$1,823	\$1,823	\$1,822	\$1,820	\$1,807

2.5 Level of Care Basic Rates for HBFC Homes (LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV)

- Level of Care Basic rates are applicable to both LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV systems.
- For Foster Care programs these rates are paid when the child is in a Facility that receives the Level of Care rate and the Benefit Month is on or after January 2017.
- For Kin-GAP programs these rates are paid when the Case Dismissal Date is on or after January 1, 2017 in C-IV or Kin-GAP Summary Begin Date is on or after January 1, 2017 in LRS/CalSAWS.

2.5.1 Description of Changes

- Update the HBFC Homes LOC1 (Basic Level) Rate by end-dating the rate/code table records that began 07/01/2019 with an end date of

06/30/2020. Insert new rate/code table records effective 07/01/2020 with the following LOC1 rate:

Level of Care	Basic Level Rate
Basic	\$1,037

2.6 Level of Care specialized Rates for HBFC Homes (LRS/CalSAWS Only)

- Level of Care Rates LRS/CalSAWS only specialized rates.
- The D, F1 thru F4 rates for HBFC Homes LOC1 (Basic Level) rates are only applicable to LRS/CalSAWS and these rates need to be updated in LRS/CalSAWS only.

Level of Care	Basic Level Rate
D Rate	\$1,638
F1 Rate	\$1,228
F2 Rate	\$1,378
F3 Rate	\$1,638
F4 Rate	\$1,858

2.7 Dual Agency / Regional Center Rates (C-IV Only)

- In C-IV system, Birth up to 3 years is California Early Start Intervention Rate (CT 335 - MY), and 3 years and older is Lanterman Developmental Disability Rate (CT 335 - MZ).

2.7.1 Description of Changes

- Update Dual Agency rates in C-IV by end-dating the rate/code table records that began 07/01/2019 with an end date of 06/30/2020. Insert new rate/code table records effective 07/01/2020 with the following rates:

Age	FY 2020-21
Birth up to 3 years	\$1,215
*3 years and older	\$2,714

2.8 Dual Agency / Regional Center Rates (LRS/CalSAWS Only)

- In LRS/CalSAWS system, these rates are paid when the rate selected on a case is “Dual Agency RC-California Early Start Intervention (P1)” or “Dual Agency RC-Lanterman Developmental Disability (P2)”.

2.8.1 Description of Changes

- Update “Dual Agency/Regional Center” rates in LRS/CalSAWS by end-dating the rate/code table records that began 07/01/2019 with an end date of 06/30/2020. Insert new rate/code table records effective 07/01/2020 with the following rates:

Description	Rate
Dual Agency RC-California Early Start Intervention (P1)	\$1,215
Dual Agency RC-Lanterman Developmental Disability (P2)	\$2,714

2.9 Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) age based Rates (LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV)

- These rates are paid on age based Foster Care programs with a facility type of “Foster Family Agency (FFA)” placements made prior to 12/01/2017.

2.9.1 Description of Changes

- Update “Foster Family Agencies (FFAs)” age based rates in LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV by end-dating the rate/code table records that began 07/01/2019 with an end date of 06/30/2020. Insert new rate/code table records effective 07/01/2020 with the following rates:

Age	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15 & Over
Basic	\$2,280	\$2,346	\$2,394	\$2,438	\$2,485

2.10 Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) Level of Care Rates (LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV)

- These rates are paid on LOC Rate Foster Care programs with a facility type of FFA placements made after 12/01/2017.

2.10.1 Description of Changes

- Update “Foster Family Agencies (FFAs)” LOC rates in LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV by end-dating the rate/code table records that began 07/01/2019 with an end date of 06/30/2020. Insert new rate/code table records effective 07/01/2020 with the following rates:

Level of Care	Basic Level Rate	LOC2	LOC3	LOC4
Basic	\$2,303	\$2,465	\$2,629	\$2,827

2.11 Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) Rates (LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV)

- These rates are paid on Foster Care programs when an ISFC rate is selected.

2.11.1 Description of Changes

- Update "Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC)" rates in LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV by end-dating the rate/code table records that began 07/01/2019 with an end date of 06/30/2020. Insert new rate/code table records effective 07/01/2020 with the following rates:

LRS/CalSAWS Only:

ISFC Options	Rate
ISCO - ISFC – County	\$6,388
ISFA - ISFC – FFA	\$6,388
ISFO - ISFC - Family-Only	\$2,706
ISTF - ISFC – TFC	\$6,388

C-IV Only:

ISFC Options	Rate
ISFC-RF	\$2,706
County or FFA ISCF	\$6,388

2.12 Group Homes (LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV)

- These rates are paid on Foster Care programs when using the standard rate and the placement is a facility type "Group Home" or "Community Treatment Facility."

2.12.1 Description of Changes

- Update "Group Home" rates in LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV by end-dating the rate/code table records that began 07/01/2019 with an end date

of 06/30/2020. Insert new rate/code table records effective 07/01/2020 with the following rates:

RCL	Rate
1	\$2,865
2	\$3,578
3	\$4,292
4	\$5,002
5	\$5,712
6	\$6,430
7	\$7,141
8	\$7,858
9	\$8,567
10	\$9,283
11	\$9,992
12	\$10,708
13	\$11,429
14	\$12,139

2.13 Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Rate Type (LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV)

- These rates are paid on Foster Care programs when the rate level is “Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)”.

2.13.1 Description of Changes

- Update “Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)” rates in LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV by end-dating the rate/code table records that began 07/01/2019 with an end date of 06/30/2020. Insert new rate/code table records effective 07/01/2020 with the following rate:

	Rate
STRTP	\$14,035

2.14 Transitional Housing Placement – Plus – Foster Care (THP+FC) (LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV)

- These rates are paid on Foster Care programs when the placement is a facility type of “Transitional Housing Placement + FC (THP+FC)” and the corresponding rate from the list below is selected.

2.14.1 Description of Changes

- Update all “Transitional Housing Placement – Plus – Foster Care (THP+FC)” rates in LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV by end-dating the rate/code table records that began 07/01/2019 with an end date of 06/30/2020. Insert new rate/code table records effective 07/01/2020 with the following rates:

	Rate
THP+FC SINGLE SITE	\$3,603
THP+FC REMOTE SITE	\$3,603
THP+FC HOST SITE	\$2,867

2.15 Run Reason Update (LRS/CalSAWS only)

2.15.1 EDBC Run Reason

Update the EDBC Run Reason CT744_DC to reflect “DCFS” term to an applicable 58-county term “CWS”.

Current Short / Long Description: DCFS Annual COLA

New Short / Long Description: CWS Annual COLA

2.16 Journal Entry Updates (LRS/CalSAWS only)

2.16.1 Foster Care Journal Entry

Batch EDBC will insert the below Journal entry for Foster Care (FC) programs.

Short Description: Batch EDBC ran for <Month Year>.

Long Description: Batch EDBC Ran for <Month Year>. Batch EDBC processed for the <Program Name> program for following reasons: Foster Care COLA

2.16.2 Kin-GAP Journal Entry

Batch EDBC will insert the below Journal entry for Kin-GAP (KG) programs.

Short Description: Batch EDBC ran for <Month Year>.

Long Description: Batch EDBC Ran for <Month Year>. Batch EDBC processed for the <Program Name> program for following reasons: Kin-GAP COLA

2.17 NOA Changes

As part of the SCRs CA-206310 CIV-100485 - ACL 19-70 Foster Care and Kin-GAP COLA Rate Increase for Year 2019, functionality was added to C-IV and LRS/CalSAWS to generate a FC or KG COLA NOA when the FC/KG EDBC is run for COLA period and there is an increase in FC/KG monthly rate amount compared to the monthly rate amount of previous Accepted and Saved EDBC.

2.17.1 Updates to generate a COLA NOA

1. C-IV - Add an entry to COLA Program Months CT table with the new COLA effective month of July 2020.
2. LRS/CalSAWS – Update the hard-coded COLA begin date from July 1st, 2019 to July 1st, 2020 and COLA end date from October 31st, 2019 to COLA Batch run month end date i.e. October 31st 2020.



See supporting Documents #1 and #2 for FC and KG COLA NOA language.

2.17.2 Regulation Updates

1. Update the regulations for FC/KG COLA reason fragments to replace ACL NO. 19-70 with ACL NO. 20-78. Following are the updated regulations.
2. **LRS:**
W&I Code Sections 11364, 11387, 11453, 11460, 11461 ,11461(d)(2)(A), 11462, 11463, 11464, 18254, 18358.30; **ACL NO. 20-78**; Senate Bill (SB) 1013, Chapter 35, Statutes Of 2012; Assembly Bill (AB) 403, Chapter 773, Statutes Of 2015; AB 1997, Chapter 612, Statutes Of 2016.
3. **C-IV:**
KG - W&I Code Sections 11364, 11387, 11453, 11460, 11461 ,11461(d)(2)(A), 11462, 11463, 11464, 18254, 18358.30; **ACL 20-78**; SB 1013, Chapter 35, Statutes Of 2012; AB 403, Chapter 773, Statutes Of 2015; AB 1997, Chapter 612, Statutes Of 2016

FC - W&I Code Section 18254; W&I Code Section 18358.30; **ACL 20-78**; SB 1013, Chapter 35, Statutes Of 2012; AB 403, Chapter 773, Statutes Of 2015; AB 1997, Chapter 612, Statutes Of 2016

3 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Number	Functional Area	Description	Attachment
1.	Client Correspondence	FC COLA NOA Language	 FC COLA NOA Language Mock-up.pc
2.	Client Correspondence	KG COLA NOA Language	 KG COLA NOA Language Mockup.pd

4 REQUIREMENTS

4.1 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).	The new CNI Rates released by the County will be updated in the system. These new COLA rates will be used to determine the eligibility benefits.
2.16.4.1	The LRS shall include the ability to process a mass update that includes eligibility and benefits with an effective date of any prior month, the current month, or future month(s).	The Batch EDBC process will be run and determine eligibility using the new CNI Rates.

5 MIGRATION IMPACTS

None

6 OUTREACH

None

7 APPENDIX

HBFC (Home-Based Family Care) Providers:

- 1) Foster Family Home
- 2) Foster Family Home – Shelter Care
- 3) Legal Guardian
- 4) Non-Relative Extended Family Member Home
- 5) Relative Home
- 6) Specialized Foster family Home
- 7) Supervised Independent Living
- 8) Tribal Specific Home
- 9) County Shelter / Receiving Home (Non – EA/AFDC) – LRS/CalSAWS Only
- 10) Court Specified Home – LRS/CalSAWS Only
- 11) Guardian Home – LRS/CalSAWS Only
- 12) Resource family Home – LRS/CalSAWS Only
- 13) Small Family Home – LRS/CalSAWS Only
- 14) Temporary Shelter Home – LRS/CalSAWS Only

FFA Providers:

- 1) Foster Family Agency
- 2) Foster Family Agency (Intensive Programs)
- 3) Foster Family Agency (Nontreatment)
- 4) Foster Family Agency (Treatment)
- 5) Foster Family Agency Certified Resource Family Home (FFACRFH) (Nontreatment) – LRS/CalSAWS Only
- 6) Foster Family Agency Certified Resource Family Home (FFACRFH) (Treatment) -- LRS/CalSAWS Only

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1 OVERVIEW

This document identifies required changes to LRS and C-IV related to the CalFresh (CF) Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 as informed by the All County Information Notice I-XX-20, and United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service SNAP COLA Memo FY 2020.

1.1 Current Design

1. The maximum CF allotments and other program limits were last adjusted for FFY 2020 in C-IV under CIV-100442, and in LRS under CA-58614. C-IV and LRS use the FFY 2019-2020 CF amounts for the following values:
 - a. CalFresh Standard Utility Allowance
 - b. CalFresh Limited Utility Allowance
 - c. CalFresh Telephone Utility Allowance
 - d. CalFresh Maximum Allotment
 - e. CalFresh Minimum Allotment
 - f. CalFresh Standard Deduction
 - g. CalFresh Maximum Shelter Deduction
 - h. CalFresh Net Monthly Income Level
 - i. CalFresh Gross Monthly Income Level
 - j. CalFresh Aged Property Limit
 - k. CalFresh Non-Aged Property Limit
 - l. CalFresh Homeless Shelter Deduction
 - m. 165% FPL
 - n. 200% FPL
2. The CW Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) Tier 1 level is at the 2019/2020 amount introduced by SCR CA-58612/CIV-100446.
3. The CW Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) Tier 2 level is at the 2019/2020 amount introduced by SCR CA-206231/CIV-103092.

1.2 Requests

1. Effective October 1, 2020, benefits for all active CalFresh and TCF programs must be calculated and issued based on the COLA for FFY 2021 as set forth in the following sections.
2. Update the CW Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) levels to the 2020/2021 amount.

1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update LRS and C-IV code tables with the new CF COLA values for FFY 2021 and end date records from the previous year as of September 30, 2020.
2. Update LRS and C-IV code tables with the new CW IRT value for 2020-2021 year effective October 1st 2020 and end date record from the previous year as of September 30, 2020

3. Update C4Yourself tables with the new CF COLA values for FFY 2021 and end date records from the previous year as of September 30, 2020.
4. C-IV only: Update the NOA logic to generate the CF COLA NOA for 10/2020 COLA.

1.4 Assumptions

1. Batch EDBC will be run on CF (including TCF) programs, and any active Nutrition Benefit (NB) programs on the same case as the active CF program to issue benefits for the new CF COLA values under separate SCR's CIV- 103090 and CA-206229.
2. Tables in this document give values for Household Sizes up to 10 persons to align with the lookup column layout in CT351. The Household Size of "2" in this document applies to both the CT351 column for "2 Persons" and for "2 Adults."
3. This SCR will update the existing CF COLA NOA fragment in the C-IV system (see Section 2.4). The LRS CF COLA NOA remains unchanged. Per existing LRS logic, other program changes unrelated to the COLA may generate a related NOA instead of the CF COLA NOA.
4. Counties are responsible for providing access to the information in the CF 11 (ENG/SP) CalFresh Mass Change Notice.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Insert new values into the code tables as specified below using an effective date from 10/01/2020 to high date. The existing high-dated values will be end-dated effective September 30, 2020.

2.1 Eligibility Updates

2.1.1 CalFresh Maximum Allotments

The following table lists the new CF Maximum Allotments for all households for FFY 2021. These values are stored in CT351, Code 45.

Household Size	Maximum Aid Payment
1	\$ 204
2	\$ 374
3	\$ 535
4	\$ 680
5	\$ 807
6	\$ 969
7	\$ 1,071

Household Size	Maximum Aid Payment
8	\$ 1,224
9	\$ 1,377
10	\$1,530
Each additional person	\$ 153

2.1.2 CalFresh Minimum Allotments

The CF Minimum Allotment will remain \$16. This value is stored in CT 335, Code MA.

2.1.3 CalFresh Standard Deduction

The following table lists the new CF Standard Deductions for FFY 2021. These values are stored in CT351, Code 48.

Household Size	Standard Deductions
1	\$ 167
2	\$ 167
3	\$ 167
4	\$ 181
5	\$ 212
6	\$243
7	\$ 243
8	\$ 243
9	\$ 243
10	\$ 243
Each additional person	\$0*

** all households of six or more get a \$243 deduction with no additional amount added as the household size increases.*

2.1.4 CalFresh Maximum Shelter Deduction

The CF Maximum Shelter Deduction for households without elderly or disabled members increased from \$569 to \$586. This value is stored in CT335, Code 50.

Note: The CF Maximum Shelter Deduction does not apply to elderly or disabled households; the full amount of any excess shelter will be deducted. However, this value will still appear in the EDBC Summary.

2.1.5 CalFresh Maximum Asset Limits

CF Maximum Asset Limits are not changing with this COLA:

- The limit for households with at least one member who is age 60 or older or is disabled will remain at \$3,500. This value is stored in CT 335, Code 85.
- For all other households, the limit will remain at \$2,250. This value is stored in CT 335, Code 86.

2.1.6 CalFresh Utility Allowances

The following table lists the new Utility Allowances for CF for FFY 2021. These values are stored in CT335. The code for each item is identified in the table.

Utility Allowance Type	Code	Old Value	New Value
Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)	49	\$432	\$ 438
Limited Utility Allowance (LUA)	34	\$135	\$ 139
Telephone Utility Allowance (TUA)	33	\$18	No change

2.1.7 CalFresh Homeless Household Shelter Deduction

The CF Homeless Household Shelter Deduction will increase in FFY 2021 from \$152.06 to \$156.74. This value is stored in CT335, Code 48.

2.1.8 CalFresh Net Monthly Income Eligibility Standards

The following table lists the new CF Net Monthly Income Eligibility Standards (100% FPL) for FFY 2021. These values are stored in CT351, Code 46.

Household Size	Maximum Aid Payment
1	\$1,064
2	\$ 1,437
3	\$ 1,810
4	\$ 2,184
5	\$ 2,557
6	\$2,930
7	\$ 3,304
8	\$ 3,677
9	\$ 4,051
10	\$4,425
Each additional person	\$ 374

2.1.9 CalFresh Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards

The following table lists the new CF gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards for FFY 2021. These values are stored in CT351. The code for each item is in the table.

Household Size	IRT for SAR (130% FPL) Code 47	Elderly/Disabled (165% FPL) Code 58	MCE/BBCE (200% FPL) Code 60
1	\$ 1,383	\$ 1,755	\$2,128
2	\$ 1,868	\$2,371	\$2,874
3	\$ 2,353	\$ 2,987	\$3,620
4	\$ 2,839	\$ 3,603	\$4,368
5	\$ 3,324	\$ 4,219	\$5,114
6	\$ 3,809	\$ 4,835	\$5,860
7	\$ 4,295	\$ 5,451	\$6,608
8	\$ 4,780	\$ 6,067	\$7,354
9	\$ 5,266	\$ 6,683	\$8,102
10	\$5,752	\$7,299	\$8,850
Each additional member	\$ 486	\$ 616	\$748

2.1.10 CalWORKs Tier 1 IRT Update

Apply a CTCR in each system to update the 100% FPL for a household of 3 as used by the system for CalWORKs Tier 1 IRT (Code Table 335, code AK) effective 10/01/2020 to high date. The existing high-dated value will be end-dated 9/30/2020.

In LRS: the new amount will be \$1,810 (the system calculates 55% of this value as \$996 per the ACL).

In C-IV: the new amount will be \$1,811 (the system calculates 55% of this value as \$996 per the ACL due to rounding differences from LRS).

2.1.11 CalWORKs Tier 2 IRT Update

The following table lists the new CW Tier2 IRT values. These values are stored in CT351. These values are effective 10/01/2020, the current high dated values will be end dated to 9/30/2020

Household Size	CW Tier2 IRT (130% FPL) Code 49
0	\$ 1,383
1	\$ 1,383
2	\$ 1,868
3	\$ 2,353
4	\$ 2,839
5	\$ 3,324
6	\$ 3,809
7	\$ 4,295
8	\$ 4,780
9	\$ 5,266
10	\$5,752
Each additional member	\$ 486

2.1.12 Programs Impacted

CW, CF

2.1.13 Performance Impacts

None.

2.2 C4Yourself Updates

2.2.1 C4Y CF Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards

Update the C4Yourself CF Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards for 130% FPL in CT351, Code 47 with the same values applied to C-IV in section 2.1.9.

2.2.2 C4Y CF Maximum Shelter Deduction

Update the C4Yourself CF Maximum Shelter Deduction in CT335, Code 50 with the same value applied to C-IV in section 2.1.4.

2.2.3 C4Y CF Maximum Allotments

Update the C4Yourself CF Maximum Allotments in CT351, Code 45 with the same values applied to C-IV in section 2.1.1.

2.3 List of CalFresh Cases With Postponed Verifications

2.3.1 Overview

Generate list of cases that might be skipped in EDBC batch run due to Postponed Verifications data. This list will be provided to the counties in advanced of the CF COLA EDBC Run for review.

2.3.2 Description of Change

Generate list of cases that may be skipped based on the following criteria:

- a) 'Postponed Verifications Authorized' is set to 'Yes'
- b) 'Postponed Verifications Due Date' is prior to the CF COLA EDBC Batch Run date (9/05/2020).
- c) 'Postponed Verifications received' is set to 'No'.
- d) There are no pending verifications for active members on the CF program where the 'Postponed for Expedited Service' is set to 'Yes'.

The lists will include the following Standard List Columns:

Case Name
Case Number
County
Unit
Unit Name
Office Name
Worker ID

This list will be posted at:

LRS: CalACES System Web Portal > System Changes > SCR and SIR Lists > 2020 > SCR CA-213273.

CIV: CalACES System Web Portal > System Changes > SCR and SIR Lists > 2020 > SCR CIV-106258

2.4 Update CF COLA NOA logic

2.4.1 Overview

The existing English and Spanish fragments will be updated in C-IV for the CF COLA to be generated by this change.

2.4.2 Description of Change

C-IV only:

Update the existing COLA fragment logic for RSN_COLA_CHANGE to generate for the EDBC benefit month/year of 10/2020.

Existing Fragment (English):

"Your change in CalFresh benefits are due to the annual CalFresh Cost of Living Adjustment that is effective <BenefitMonth>. This is due to Federal and State regulations."

Existing Fragment (Spanish):

"Su cambio en los beneficios de CalFresh se debe al ajuste anual del costo de vida de CalFresh que es efectivo el <BenefitMonth>. Esto se debe a las regulaciones federales y estatales."

In both systems:

Update the regulation reference for this fragment to generate the following regulations:

MPP 63-502, MPP 63-504.39, ACL 12-25, ACL 12-25E

3 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Project Requirements

REQ #	REQUIREMENT TEXT	How Requirement Met
2.8.1.21	The LRS shall automate eligibility determination and benefit calculation for certain individual and case changes.	This SCR updates the CF COLA values for eligibility determination and benefit calculation FFY 2021.
