

## CalSAWS | Batch Memorandum for the 2022 FPL COLA

Regulation: ACWDL 22-03

### **Memorandum Purpose**

This memorandum is intended to convey the batch EDBC scope, county actions and schedule for the 2022 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) Batch.

### **Scope**

On February 10, 2022, CA-235932 implemented the following changes to production:

- Updated the existing FPL values in CalSAWS to the new values effective April 1, 2022.
- Updated the FPL values for Medicare Savings Program (MSP) budgets when no Member, FRI or FRE in the budget has Title II Retirement Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) Income valid for the month. There will be one new value for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), one for Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) and one for Qualified Individual (QI)-1. These values will be effective January 1, 2022.
- Updated the FPL values for MSP budgets when there is a Member, FRI or FRE in the budget with RSDI Income valid for the benefit month. There will be one new value for QMB, one for SLMB and one for QI-1. These values will be effective March 1, 2022.

### **Batch**

CalSAWS will take the following actions for the new 2022 FPL values with CA-235934 in release 22.03.05:

- Run batch EDBC for the months of January and February 2022 for all Active Medi-Cal programs that meet the following requirements:
  - There is a Regular EDBC for the program for the month being run where there exists at least one person receiving aid from MSP: QMB, SLMB, or QI-1.
  - None of the persons receiving aid from MSP receives RSDI income.
- Run batch EDBC for the month of March 2022 for all Active Medi-Cal programs that meet the following requirements:
  - There is a Regular EDBC for the program for the month being run where there exists at least one person receiving aid from MSP: QMB, SLMB, or QI-1.
  - Medi-Cal EDBC has not been processed since updated 2022 FPL values have been deployed to production with CA-235932.
- Run batch EDBC for the month of April 2022 for Active Medi-Cal that meet the following requirements:
  - There exists at least one person on the program receiving Non-MAGI Medi-Cal aid.

- There does not exist any person on the Medi-Cal program receiving aid with an Express Lane aid code.
- Medi-Cal EDBC has not been processed since updated 2022 FPL values have been deployed to production with CA-235932.
- For above EDBC batches, CalSAWS runs with 'MC FPL COLA' (CT744 ML) run reason.

## **List Details**

Lists will be posted on March 07, 2022, by CalSAWS to aid the counties to review the cases to verify accurate action was taken after Batch EDBC completes. The lists will be available to the counties at the following location:

CalSAWS Web Portal>System Changes>SCR and SIR Lists>2022>CA-235934

The listing will consist of below columns:

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

Also, add County Action text mentioned below on the posted list 'County Action' tab.

### 1. **List Name: Closed Program**

Generate a list of cases for which Batch EDBC resulted in the closure of the Medi-Cal program. Counties can use this list to verify that the program's discontinuance is appropriate. If available, display the closure reason (for example: Over Income).

**Additional Columns:** Closure Reason, Benefit Month

**County Action:** These are likely the result of household changes or ongoing data collection which was not yet processed through EDBC by the user. Since the purpose of this Batch EDBC process was not to close households, review these cases to verify the closure was accurate.

### 2. **List Name: Closed Individual**

Generate a list of cases for which Batch EDBC resulted in an individual being discontinued from Medi-Cal but the Medi-Cal program remains open. Counties can use this list to verify that the individual's discontinuance is appropriate. If available, display the closure reason.

**Additional Columns:** Individual Name, CIN, Closure Reason, Benefit Month

**County Action:** These are likely the result of household changes or ongoing data collection which was not yet processed through EDBC by the user. Since the purpose of this Batch EDBC process was not to close individuals, review these cases to verify the closure was accurate.

3. **List Name: Read-Only EDBC**

Generate a list of cases for which Batch EDBC resulted in a Read-Only Medi-Cal EDBC with all the Read-Only Reasons except the Read-Only Reason of "Protection due to Public Health Crisis/Natural Disaster". Counties can use this list to run Medi-Cal EDBC for those cases and take the appropriate action.

**Additional Column:** Read-Only Reason, Benefit Month

**County Action:** Since Batch EDBC couldn't automatically apply the intended change to these cases, users may process EDBC to apply intended changes if applicable.

4. **List Name: Batch EDBC skipped with a reason**

Generate a list of cases that were skipped by the Batch EDBC run excluding cases with a skip reason of 'EDBC has not been run since conversion'. These cases will be the responsibility of the worker to address.

**Additional Column:** Skip Reason, Benefit Month

**County Action:** Batch could not process these cases because of the skip reasons listed in the list. Review each case and take appropriate action based on the skip reason.

5. **List Name: Denials and Discontinuance for January - April 2022**

Generate a list of cases for individuals that were denied or discontinued prior to the 2022 FPL value updates although may be eligible with the latest updated 2022 FPL values.

**Additional Column:** Individual Name, CIN, Benefit Month

**County Action:** Review all denials and discontinuances and re-evaluate eligibility based on the 2022 FPL values.

Please Note:

- Review cases included in the lists and take necessary action.
- Review the Batch Eligibility Report each morning and action cases which could not be processed. This report is an On Request report available under Global: Reports > Local: On Request > Task: Administrative. If you do not see this report, please contact your Security Administrator for rights. To see cases not processed, select a status of 'Not Processed' on the Reports Parameter pages.
- *With CA-215211, Negative Impacts in Batch EDBC were prevented for Medi-Cal Beneficiaries due to Public Health Crisis/Natural Disaster which saves EDBC as 'Read-Only' with Read-Only Reason of "Protection due to Public Health Crisis/Natural Disaster".*
- Cases that have a yellow banner requiring case review as a result of the benefit match process will skip because a worker has not processed Medi-Cal EDBC since conversion. These cases will show on the Batch Eligibility Report with a reason of "EDBC has not been run since conversion".

## **Things to remember about this EDBC batch process**

- For the January, February and March benefit months, batch will only run Active Medi-Cal programs with affected MSP programs.
- In the scenario where multiple active Medi-Cal programs exist for one case, batch will run all active Medi-Cal programs on the case together. This ensures correct LTC allocation between the multiple programs. Batch will not run Non Medi-Cal programs.
- All impacts from Defects and SCRs that have not been implemented will continue to occur during the batch processing.
- The programs targeted for batch processing are determined once upfront. For batch processes that take more than one business day, cases are not removed or added to the batch processing based on user updates.
- The Batch EDBCs will have an EDBC Source of 'Batch EDBC Rules'.
- When a user runs EDBC in which a prior pending month exists, the EDBC will result in a Read-Only status. However, when running a Batch EDBC process, that restriction does not apply and these EDBCs will not be Read-Only.
- Any updates or lack of updates made/not made to cases will impact the Batch EDBC results. This means programs may be discontinued (due to non-compliances, etc.) unexpectedly.
- DHCS is coordinating implementation of the 2022 FPLs in the California Healthcare Eligibility Enrollment and Retention System (CalHEERS) and Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS). DHCS anticipates the CalHEERS system and SAWS system will be updated with the annual 2022 FPL amounts in March of 2022.
- DHCS will send a notice to the beneficiaries potentially impacted by the change to inform them of the FPL increase to allow them an opportunity to request a re-evaluation from the county.
- When the batch process starts,
  - The Ad-Hoc reporting database will be updated real time.
  - CalSAWS will transfer MEDS file to MEDS as per the usual process.
    - CalSAWS transfers the file by Sunday, March 06,2022; but MEDS will not process the file until 03:00 pm on Monday, March 07,2022. This is the normal process for the files sent over the weekend.
  - NOAs will be sent to Central Print at night through the regular nightly batch process.
- Medi-Cal NOAs will use existing NOA functionality, no updates are required for this effort.

## Development Schedule

Date	Task
February 11, 2022	Deliver the changes to the System Test team
February 14, 2022	Start System Testing the changes
March 05, 2022	Run Batch EDBC in production
March 07, 2022	Post lists to the CalSAWS Web Portal>System Changes>SCR and SIR Lists>2022>CA-235934

## Schedule Considerations

- Downtime
  - CalSAWS will not have any downtime due to FPL COLA batch.  
*Please Note: Broadcast will be sent out that the CalSAWS will experience some slowness due to FPL COLA Batch Run.*
- Scheduled Jobs
  - Any Jobs scheduled for Saturday; March 05,2022 will run after FPL COLA batch completion.
- Approximate count of programs to be processed  
Batch EDBC will run approximately below mentioned Medi-Cal EDBC's for the months of January 2022 through April 2022 for 2022 FPL COLA updates.

BENEFIT MONTH	Processed MC EDBC's
January 2022	98,402
February 2022	98,234
March 2022	415,059
April 2022	780,101
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,391,796</b>

- Batch processing speed
  - EDBC batch can process approximately 60,000 programs per hour.
- CalSAWS cannot run batch EDBC during the following:
  - Main Payroll
  - Foster Care Main Payroll
  - SAR7 Discontinuance
  - RE Discontinuance
  - 10-day Discontinuance
  - CalFresh Recertification Discontinuance
  - Primary Period of Maintenance (PPM)
    - 6:30 AM – 8:00 PM, Monday through Saturday

## **Timeline**

- Expected start of Batch EDBC processing
  - March 05, 2022 – 5:15 PM
- Batch will include cases for all months starting January through April 2022.
- Expected completion of Batch EDBC processing
  - March 06, 2022 – Regular Batch Operation hours

## Calendar for March 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 - SAR7 Discontinua nce - MAGI EDR sweep	2	3	4 CW/CF RE Appointm ent 1 (county 19)	5 CW/CF RE Appointmen t 2(county 19) CA-235934 Run Batch EDBC with 2022 FPL Values
6	7	8	9	10 Non-MAGI REDETER( MC 210), MAGI REDETER( MC 216), MIXED REDETER( MC 217), TNB-4	11	12 NA 960X
13	14	15 CW/CF RE Packets	16	17	18	19 10-Day Cutoff
20	21	22	23	24 Main Payroll (C- IV Counties)	25 Main Payroll (County 19), MC Reminder	26 Send SAR7 (all counties)
27	28 Main Payroll (County 33 only)	29	30	31 CW/CF Redetermin ations		