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1 OVERVIEW

SCR CA-57971/CIV-7215 (19.09) added new functionality to assist case workers in managing their ABAWD cases by determining ABAWD status, creating ABAWD time limit records, and closing persons who no longer meet CalFresh eligibility.

1.1 Current Design

1. The ABAWD batch job runs when the system detects an update to data collection records that may change the person's current ABAWD status. When this batch job runs, it cannot determine whether or not a non-exempt ABAWD is meeting work requirements.
2. CF EDBC sets the Work Requirement based on the latest Time Limit record for the current or prior month.
3. An ABAWD is not subject to work requirements in a prorated benefit month.
4. The EDBC status reason '3 Countable ABAWD Months Used' is determined when an ABAWD has their 3rd (of greater) countable month in the prior benefit month.
5. In CalSAWS only, a person's ABAWD status is not determined if they have an Ineligible program status.

1.2 Requests

1. If the ABAWD job runs and determines a person as a non-exempt ABAWD, no work requirement is determined. Without the user running CF EDBC or manually setting a Time Limit record, the ABAWD Sync job will default that person as not meeting the work requirement. The ABAWD batch job needs to determine the work requirement.
2. For user running the come-up month for CF, a time limit record may not have been created yet. This could result in the EDBC assuming the Work Requirement has not been met.
3. An ABAWD should be discontinued in a prorated month if they have reapplied but did not meet the requirements for regaining eligibility.
4. After an ABAWD has used their three countable months, they should be discontinued with the status reason '3 Countable ABAWD Months Used', even if they were exempt or unaided in the prior benefit month.
5. A person with an Ineligible status is still considered open and should have an ABAWD status

1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update the ABAWD batch job to set the Work Requirement based on the latest time limit record for the current 36-month ABAWD calendar.
2. Update CF EDBC to set ABAWD Work Requirement based on Latest Time Limit Record
3. Update CF EDBC to set a person's status reason to reason '3 Countable ABAWD Months Used' if reapplying and not meeting the conditions for regaining eligibility.

4. Update CF EDBC to set the status reason of '3 Countable ABAWD Months Used' when there is a break in the work requirement after the 3rd countable month.
5. Update CF EDBC (CalSAWS only) to determine an ABAWD status for a person with an Ineligible program status.

1.4 Assumptions

1. If an ABAWD does not meet the conditions for regaining eligibility, case worker is responsible for sending the DFA 377.1A denial notice. CDSS will provide denial NOA language at a later time.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Update the ABAWD Batch Job to set the Work Requirement to Met or Not Met

2.1.1 Overview

The daily ABAWD determination batch job identifies all CalFresh cases that should be reevaluated for ABAWD due to data changes that may result in a change to the recipient's current ABAWD status. If a person is determined to be a non-exempt, non-prorated ABAWD, no Work Requirement value is set. The ABAWD Time Limit Sync Job will generate a Time Limit record of 'Did not meet work requirement' as it assumes a missing work requirement value should be considered as 'Not Met'.

2.1.2 Description of Changes

1. Update the daily ABAWD determination batch job to set the Work Requirement on the ABAWD Status for a non-exempt, non-prorated ABAWD.
 - a. Set to 'Geographically Waived' if the case county is considered geographical waived from the ABAWD work requirement (per Category 2620)
 - b. Set to 'Met' if the latest Time Limit record for the current or either of the two prior months in the current 36-month ABAWD time period is 'Met work requirement'
 - c. Else set to 'Not Met'

2.1.3 Programs Impacted

CalFresh

2.1.4 Performance Impacts

None

2.2 Update CF EDBC to set ABAWD Work Requirement based on Latest Time Limit Record

2.2.1 Overview

When running CF EDBC, the Work Requirement will be set to 'Met' if a Time Limit month (or the two prior if the current doesn't exist) is 'Met work requirement'. If there is no Time Limit month in the current or prior two months, the Work Requirement is set to 'Not Met'

2.2.2 Description of Changes

1. If the person has a status of ABAWD, is not prorated, and a time limit month exists for the current 36-month period:
 - a. Set to 'Geographically Waived' if the case county is considered geographical waived from the ABAWD work requirement (per Category 2620)
 - b. Set to 'Met' if the latest Time Limit record for the current or either of the two prior months in the current 36-month ABAWD time period is 'Met work requirement'
 - c. Else set to 'Not Met'

2.2.3 Programs Impacted

CalFresh

2.2.4 Performance Impacts

None

2.3 Update CF EDBC to Deny in Prorated Month When Not Meeting Requirements to Regain Eligibility

2.3.1 Overview

When an ABAWD is attempting to regain eligibility after 3 countable months exist within the same ABAWD calendar, they must answer the following question in the 'ABAWD Regain Eligibility' section of the CalFresh Detail page:

"Did the person(s) listed below complete 80 hours of employment or other qualifying work activities within 30 consecutive calendar days prior to their application date?"

Although the answer to this question determines whether they can later qualify for three consecutive months of aid, if they do not meet the conditions for regaining eligibility, they should be denied aid. However, if they are also applying partway through a benefit month, they will not be denied as they are considered exempt for that prorated month.

2.3.2 Description of Changes

2. Update CalFresh EDBC to apply the status reason '3 Countable ABAWD Months Used' to a person when all of the following exists:
 - a. The most recent person application event in terms of the effective date, which is not a "Changed" event, as of the benefit month is of type "Pended" or "Denial Rescinded"
 - b. Person is determined to be a non-exempt ABAWD
 - c. Person is not residing in geographically waived area
 - d. Person does not have a 15% Exemption ABAWD time limit record for the current benefit month
 - e. Person has 3 countable ABAWD months prior to the application's Beginning Date of Aid (BDA), and within the same 36-month ABAWD calendar as the BDA.
 - f. The person has not met the work requirement for meeting eligibility for an application, per the ABAWD Regain Eligibility section of the CalFresh Detail page.

2.3.3 Programs Impacted

CalFresh

2.3.4 Performance Impacts

None

2.4 Update CF EDBC to apply the '3 Countable ABAWD Months Used' in the first non-exempt ABAWD month after three Countable Months

2.4.1 Overview

When an ABAWD person has three or more Countable Months in their ABAWD Time Limit, EDBC will discontinue them with status reason '3 Countable ABAWD Months Used' when EDBC is run for the following month and they are subject to the work requirement. However, if that person is a non-ABAWD or exempt ABAWD in the month following their third countable month, EDBC will discontinue them with status reason 'Did Not Meet ABAWD Work Rules after Regaining Elig'. This can be confusing as the ABAWD person has not yet attempted to regain eligibility.

2.4.2 Description of Changes

1. Update the CF EDBC logic to assign a status reason of '3 Countable ABAWD Months Used' to an ABAWD who has three or more Countable Months in their ABAWD time limit for the current 36-month period, unless any of the following is true:
 - a. Person has an ABAWD exemption
 - b. Person is residing in geographically waived area
 - c. Person has a 15% Exemption ABAWD time limit record for the current benefit month
 - d. A response has been provided on the ABAWD Regain Eligibility section of the CalFresh Detail page

2.4.3 Programs Impacted

CalFresh

2.4.4 Performance Impacts

None

2.5 Update CF EDBC to set ABAWD Status for Ineligible Program Person Status (CalSAWS Only)

2.5.1 Overview

When an EDBC determines a person should be closed from a program, they are given a 'Denied' or 'Discontinued' program person status. However, if that benefit month has already been issued, that person will have an 'Ineligible' program person status because they cannot be closed in a month in which they've already received a benefit. In this case, the ABAWD Status is left blank.

2.5.2 Description of Changes

1. Update CF EDBC such that when a person is determined to have an 'Ineligible' status, set that person's ABAWD Status existing rules.
Note: This matches current C-IV functionality.

2.5.3 Programs Impacted

CalFresh

2.5.4 Performance Impacts

None

3 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

| Number | Functional Area | Description | Attachment |
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4 REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Project Requirements

| REQ # | REQUIREMENT TEXT | How Requirement Met |
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| 2.8.1.21 | The LRS shall automate eligibility determination and benefit calculation for certain individual and case changes. | The CF EDBC and ABAWD batch job determine eligibility |