



CONSORTIUM REQUEST FOR POLICY CLARIFICATION (CRPC)

CDSS Tracking #2167

Requestor Name: Vaisau, T	Response Due Date: 10/25/2019
Consortium: CalSAWS	Subject: CW income in CF
WIC/Regulation Cite(s):	References: (include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc.) 63-503.242(b)(1), 63-301.633, 63-301.633(a), 63-301.634, 63-509(2)(C) 63-503.242(b)(1), 7 CFR 273.10 (c)
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1. What is the SAWS question, issue, or problem?

The Project has received multiple responses from CDSS regarding how to count CalWORKS in the Public Assistance CalFresh Budget, at initial approval/determination.

Please clarify the below example:

Example: PACF application date is August 15th. On September 5 the application process is complete, both CW and CF are approved in September,

Approving August's benefits (prior month) for CW & CF on September 5. Would August's CW grant (received in September), be used in the CalFresh benefit calculation for August?

2. Proposed resolution (optional)

Because CW was not received in the prior month being processed, do not count it as unearned income in the CalFresh benefit determination .

3. State Response

Federal SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.10(c) state: "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."

CDSS agrees with the proposed response. The County would not count CalWORKs benefits issued in September in the August budget (the first month of the certification period). Once the CalWORKs benefit amount is known and received by the household, the County must adjust the CalFresh budget moving forward.