CalSAWS | Policy Update



February 2020

Funding for Emergency Caregivers

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| 7/1/2018 <u>ACL 18-75</u> <u>CFL 18-</u> <u>19/81</u> <u>ACL 19-84</u> Draft <u>ACWDL Aid</u> Code 5L | SCR CIV- 102237; CA- 204665 Implemented Release 18.11 SCR CIV- 101497; CA- 203634 Implemented Release 19.01 SCR CIV- | PPM #48555 BENDS (workaround) issued 8/18 PPM #50565 Implemented R59 (11/19) | Under the current program, relative caregivers and NREFMs are eligible for payment for up to six months during the approval process in 2018-19, and in 2019-20 are eligible for up to three months of payments, funded primarily under the Emergency Assistance TANF program. Aid code 5L is used to identify the emergency caregiver placements that are not eligible to federal Foster Care funding and they are not eligible to emergency assistance funding. Aid code 5L is available in MEDS. On 3/19/19, SAWS received a draft copy of the ACWDL for aid code 5L, the release date for the ACWDL is TBD. The CFL for aid code 5L was published on 5/10/19. |
| | 102912; CA- 205913 Design Release 20.09 | | Add aid code 5L to CIV and LRS Exclude aid code 5L from the clothing allowance batch process Update the EC/EA Tracking Report to include aid code 5L CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCRs CIV-102912; CA-205913Continued on Next Slide- |

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| 7/1/2018ACL 18-75CFL 18- 19/81ACL 19-84Draft ACWDL Aid Code 5L | SCR CIV- 102237; CA- 204665 Implemented Release 18.11 SCR CIV- 101497; CA- 203634 Implemented Release 19.01 SCR CIV- 102912; CA- 205913 Design Release 20.09 | PPM #48555 BENDS (workaround) issued 8/18 PPM #50565 Implemented R59 (11/19) | CalWIN Update: Reference Table updated, manually select 5L aid code Adding an On/Off Switch for EC Funding 5L Extending Relative/NREFM up to 180 days for 5L & up to 365 day for Good Cause. Change Other Placements of Regular EA Funding to 180 days from 120 days Create new Client Correspondence for Interim Funding Note: ACL 19-84 posted in September included the change from 180 days to 120 days. |
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Cal-OAR

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| 7/1/2019 ACL 19-40 | SCRs CIV- 103934; CA- 208030 Phase I Implemented Release October 2019 SCRs CIV- 104230; CA- 208720 Implemented Release 19.07 Priority 7/25/19 SCRs CIV- 102191; CA- 204569 Phase II Committee Review Release 20.05 | PPM #51772 Phase 1 October 2019 PPM #52398 Phase II Design R60 (2/20) PPM #52368 Phase II (BI) Design R61 (5/20) | The CalWORKs Outcomes and Accountability Review (Cal-OAR) is a process for reviewing the CalWORKS program statewide while taking into account county diversity. Its goal is to promote program accountability, continual quality improvement, and meaningful tracking of program participation and outcomes. Cal-OAR's three main components are: Process and Outcome Performance indicators CalWORKs county self-assessment process CalWORKs county system improvement plan, including a peer review component CDSS prioritized the requested Cal-OAR data elements into three phases to make the automation work manageable: Phase 1 - Priority variables that already exist in SAWS Phase 2 - Non-priority variables that already exist in SAWS, which includes Home Visiting indicators that are not in SAWS. Phase 3 - Variables that require SAWS to add new data elements. The following counties assisted CDSS with the Cal-OAR upfront data validation process: Colusa Kings Los Angeles Placer San Bernardino San Francisco Shasta -Continued on next slide- |

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Home Visiting Program (HVP)

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| 1/1/2019 <u>ACWDL –</u> <u>4/25/19</u> <u>ACWDL –</u> <u>7/31/18</u> <u>ACL 19-42</u> <u>ACL 19-82</u> | SCRs CIV- 104230; CA- 208720 Implemented Release 19.07 Priority 7/25/19 SCRs CIV- 104042; CA- 208265 Design Release 20.05 SCRs CIV- 103989; CA- 208155 Design Release 20.05 | PPM #51880 Implemented 7/11/19 PPM #52489 Design R60 (2/20) PPM#53118 Design R61 (5/20) | Home Visiting program (HVP) supports positive health, development and well- being outcomes for pregnant and parenting women, families, and infants born into poverty. The long-term goals for program participants include expanding their future educational, economic, and financial opportunities, stabilizing families and improving the likelihood of exiting poverty. CalSAWS Update: To support reporting requirements for Cal-OAR Phase I, the following cases flags have been added to C-IV and LRS: • HVI Offered • HVI Received Until system changes are implemented these case flags will be associated to the applicable HVP cases. The additional SCRs for automation to track HVP services and activities are currently in design. A job aid for the HVP functionality is being developed. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train staff to use the HVI case flags - HVI Offered and HVI Received. For more information on the HVI case flags, refer to CIT 0057-19. -Continued on Next Slide- |

Policy Update Home Visiting Program (HVP)

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CalWORKs Change to Asset and Vehicle Value Limits

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| 6/1/2020 ACL 19-67 | SCRs CIV- 104559; CA- 209360 Build Release 20.03 | PPM #52484 Design March 2020 | The maximum asset limit for CalWORKs households will be increased from \$2,250 to \$10,000, or, for CalWORKs AUs that include at least one member who is aged 60 or older or disabled, from \$3,500 to \$15,000. Maximum allowed non-exempt vehicle equity value is increased from \$9,500 to \$25,000. Non-exempt vehicles with an equity value of \$25,000 or less will not be attributed to the AU's resource limits. For each motor vehicle with an equity value of more than \$25,000, the equity value in excess of \$25,000 shall be counted toward the AU's resources. CalSAWS Update: CalWORKs property limit EDBC resource test rules will be updated to use the new values. Applicable forms and Notice of Actions. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train staff regarding the increased CalWORKs resource limits. CalWIN Update: Reference table update no other system design necessary. Targeted for March 2020 monthly release to be effective 6/1/2020. CalWIN County Business Impact: CalWIN County Business Impact ClT communicating release date and instructions if any county action necessary. New limits be applied to new CalWORKs applications. |

Policy Update CalWORKs Revised Time on Aid Notice of Actions

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| 6/20/2018 ACL 18-43 | SCRs CIV- 101570; CA- 204115 New Release TBD | PPM #50566 Implemented R59 (11/19) | SB 72 reduced the CalWORKs time-on-aid clock to the current 48 months and SB 1041 implemented the Welfare-to-Work (WTW) 24-month time clock. To further the goal of improving clients' time on aid experience, in partnership with welfare advocates, CDSS collaborated to improve the following Time on Aid Notice of Action (NOA) messages: M40-107(c) – Time On Aid Between 42nd and 46th Month; M40-107(d) – Time on Aid to Former CalWORKs Recipients M40-107(g) – CalWORKs 48th Month on Aid Because some changes have been made to the above notices, CDSS is working on an errata to ACL 18-43. Publish date is TBD. CalSAWS Update: Both SCRs are SPG approved awaiting design to begin. Until the updated NOAs are implemented, counties can use the versions on the CDSS website. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Reject the system generated notice of action (NOA) and manually complete and send the appropriate NOA. |
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| 6/20/2018 ACL 18-43 | SCRs CIV- 101570; CA- 204115 New Release TBD | PPM #50566 Implemented R59 (11/19) | CalWIN Update: Implemented the revised notices in November 2019 with Release 59 (R59). If an Errata is issued a new proposal will be opened to address necessary changes. CalWIN County Business Impact No impact currently counties can use CalWIN notices that are now available as of November 2019. |

CalWORKs Stage One Child Care Continuous Eligibility

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| 10/1/2019 ACL 19-99 ACL 19-110 | SCRs CIV- 104597; CA- 209488 Implemented Release 20.01 SCRs CIV- 105835; CA- | PPM # 52483 Design Targeting R62 (8/20) PPM #53366 Design Release TBD | SB 80 increases access to child care services for CalWORKs participants by authorizing CalWORKs Stage One Child Care immediately and continuously for 12 months or until the participants are transferred to Stage Two. Effective 10/1/19, counties shall authorize CalWORKs Stage One Child Care services immediately for 12 months or until participants are transferred to Stage Two. Participants will receive a Stage One Child Care authorization the day they are deemed eligible for CalWORKs. |
| | 209408 New Release TBD SCRs CIV- 105397; CA- 211332 New Release TBD SCRs CIV- 106099;CA- 212736 New Release TBD | PPM #53997 Design Release TBD | Beginning no later than 1/1/21, counties shall provide limited, read-only, online access through SAWS database to local contractors providing CalWORKs child care services. Access shall include a single summary page that contains current individual family data needed to enroll a family in CalWORKs child care services or transfer a family between stages. CalSAWS Update: The updated CCP 7 and CCP 8 forms are available in the C-IV and LRS template repositories. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train staff to generate the CCP 7 and CCP 8 from the systems template repository. |
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| 10/1/2019 ACL 19-99 Draft ACL CW Stage One Child Care Notice of Action Forms 10/9/19 | SCRs CIV- 104597; CA- 209488 Design Release 20.01 SCRs CIV- 105835; CA- 209408 New Release TBD SCRs CIV- 105397; CA- 211332 New Release TBD SCRs CIV- 106099;CA- 212736 New Release TBD | PPM #52483 Design Targeting R62 (8/20) PPM #53366 Design Release TBD PPM #53997 Design Release TBD | CalWIN Update: Stage 1 is administered using CalWIN by 9 of the 18 counties. The system does not place a limit in the number of Stage 1 months that can be administered to a post-aid case. Counties are able to continue Stage 1 child care for the 12 months outlined by SB 80 ensuring there is no break in child care when transitioning to Stage 2. CCP7 - Client Correspondence SR for maintenance opened to update SR #628818. CCP8 - Client Correspondence SR for maintenance opened to add, SR #628822. Notice to Providers - Client Correspondence SR for maintenance opened to add, SR #62852. Project opened to address read-only access for a summary page for child care contractors. Reporting component: A workgroup consisting of representatives from CDSS, CWDA, and Parent Voices, in consultation with CWDs and SAWS, will design the report. CalWIN opened a new proposal for automation to support counties in addition to the BENDS being developed. Automating CCP8 included in new proposal. |

Homeless Assistance – Remove 16 Consecutive Day Requirement

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| TBD <u>SB 80</u> <u>ACL 19-118</u> | SCRs CIV- 105386; CA- 211293 Design Release tentative 20.07 | PPM #52113- Design Target R62 (8/20) | SB 80 repealed the rule that the 16 days of temporary HA benefits must be used on consecutive days and instead authorizes families to receive 16 cumulative days of temporary HA benefits within a 12-month period. CalSAWS Update: This change does not impact the C-IV System. However, a system change is required for LRS. CIT for an interim process is in progress. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCRs CIV-105386 and CA-211293. CalWIN Update: Proposal opened, pending design. Workaround/BENDs issued for 16 Non-Consecutive days issued 1/30/2020 (CIT #01-4600) Workaround/BENDS issued for AB557 cases issued 1/30/2020 (CIT #08-4402) CalWIN County Business Impact County business Impact |

Homeless Assistance Revised Forms and Notice of Action

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| <u>ACL 19-77</u> | SCRs CIV- 104848; CA- 209996 New Release TBD | Service Requests 628788, 628790, 628791 | CDSS revised the Homeless Assistance (HA) Statement of Facts form to include information about the expanded temporary HA available to CalWORKs applicants who are fleeing domestic abuse. CDSS revised the HA denial NOA message to include reasons for denials based on requests for expanded temporary HA for applicants fleeing domestic abuse, temporary HA for CalWORKs Family Reunification cases, and HA requests based on natural disasters. CDSS created a new NOA message to approve requests for expanded temporary HA for applicants fleeing domestic abuse. CalSAWS Update: Both SCRs are pending SPG approval. Until the updated NOAs are implemented, counties can use the versions on the CDSS website. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCRs CIV-104848 and CA-209996. |
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Homeless Assistance Revised Forms and Notice of Action

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| <u>ACL 19-77</u> | SCRs CIV- 104848; CA- 209996 New Release TBD | Service Requests 628788, 628790, 628791 | CalWIN Update: Notices and form are being updated through Client Correspondence maintenance Service Requests (SRs). SR#628788 - CW42 SR#628790 - new M44-211B SR#628791 - revised M44-211D CalWIN County Business Impact CITs will be sent when each SR is completed and moved to production. |

CalWORKs Income Exemptions and Income Reporting Thresholds

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| 6/1/2020 ACL 19-76 | SCRs CIV- 104383; CA- 209033 Build Release 20.03 | PPM #52733 Design R61 (5/20) | SB 80 updates the CalWORKs disability-based and earned income disregards (EID) thresholds. Additionally, SB 80 simplifies the CalWORKs IRT for better alignment with the CalFresh IRT. The three-tier system will be replaced by a two-tier system. The Tier 1 IRT will remain the same. CalWORKs Tier 2 IRT will be replaced with the existing CalWORKs Tier 3 IRT, CalSAWS Update: CalWORKs (CW) Disability Based Earned Income Disregard and CW Disability Based Unearned Income Disregard from \$225 to \$500, effective June 1, 2020. Forms will be updated to replace Disability-Based Unearned Income (DBI) or Earned Income Disregard(EID) references from \$225 to \$500. Replace Tier 2 with Tier 3 calculation rules effective June 1, 2020. Forms and NOAs to reflect the new values as per policy. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train staff regarding the change to the disregard and IRT. CalWIN Update: Scheduled for R61 (5/20) for disregard increase and IRT value changes. Notice and form changes will be updated on a flow basis through Client Correspondence maintenance Service Requests (SRs) and projects. CalWIN County Business Impact: Project included in Release notes and Highlights. |

Policy Update CalWORKs and CalFresh Income Exemptions

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| November 2019 ACL 19-106 ACL 19-79 | SCRs CIV- 105343; CA- 211229 Ready for Committee Release 20.09 | PPM #53330 Implemented December 2019 | This policy change exempts awards and scholarships provided by a private or public entity to, or on behalf of, a dependent child, as well as income earned for temporary work related to the decennial census, from being considered income for CalWORKs program eligibility and benefits determination. In order to ensure that these exemptions are in effect for qualified workers employed during 2019 for the 2020 United States (U.S) Census, this policy takes effect immediately. CalSAWS Update: Update Census Earnings – Temporary income to be exempt for CalWORKs as of 11/2019. Update Census Earnings – Temporary income to be earned for CalFresh as of 10/2020. Update Awards/Scholarship- Educational/Student income to be exempt income for CalFresh programs with persons receiving Awards/Scholarship income Provide a list of CW,RCA,IN,IDV programs with persons receiving census earning CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train staff regarding the change to theses income exemptions and run EDBC for the cases on the lists referenced above. -Continued on next slide- |

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| November 2019 ACL 19-106 ACL 19-79 | SCRs CIV- 105343; CA- 211229 Ready for Committee Release 20.09 | PPM #52803 Implemented October 2019 PPM #53330 Implemented December 2019 | CalWIN Update: CalWORKs reference table updated December 2019. CalFresh reference table updated October 2019 CalWIN County Business Impact County processes to enter census income and awards/scholarships, will be exempted by EDBC. |

Policy Update CalFresh SSI/SSP Expansion

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| 6/1/2019 ACL 18-90 ACL 18-91 ACL 18-92 | SCR CA- 201416 Implemented Release 19.09 SCRs CIV- 102560; CA- 205319 (Threshold Language NOAs/Forms) Implemented Release 19.11 SCRs CIV- 104322;CA- 208888 Build Release 20.03 | PPM #53164 Implemented December 2019 PPM #53600 Design R62 (8/20) | CalSAWS Update: Add the threshold language SNB 1 and TNB 1 forms Add an indicator to the CalFresh that identifies if the program has been reversed. This indicator will be included in the elCT interface. Add a CalFresh person level indicator that indicates if the person was excluded prior to 6/1/2019. This indicator will be included in the elCT interface. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unfil the above indicators are added to the system, the counties should include the following in the ICT comment section on the ICT Detail page: The CalFresh program was/was not reversed <name> was excluded from the CalFresh program prior to 6/1/2019</name> |
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Policy Update CalFresh SSI/SSP Expansion

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| 6/1/2019 ACL 18-90 ACL 18-91 ACL 18-92 | SCR CA- 201416 Implemented Release 19.09 SCRs CIV- 102560; CA- 205319 (Threshold Language NOAs/Forms) Implemented Release 19.11 SCRs CIV- 104322;CA- 208888 Build Release 20.03 | PPM #53164 Implemented December 2019 PPM #53600- Design R62 (8/20) | CalWIN Update: Modify CalWIN to add SSI individual in the future month if it will result in an increase in CalFresh benefits. Pending design to modify CalWIN Nutritional Benefit Override functionality to not have any restrictions. CalWIN County Business Impact Issue CalFresh supplement via Non-System Determined Issuance (NSDI) for the future month. |

Policy Update Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

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| 1/1/2017Fixed Clock8/31/2019WaiverExpiresACIN I-11-16ACIN I-88-16ACL 18-08ABAWDHandbookACL 19-93ABAWDHandbook 2.0 | SCRs CIV-7215; CA-57971 Phase II Implemented Release 19.09 SCRs CIV- 103743 CA- 207637 Phase III Design Release 20.09 SCRs CIV- 106058;CA- 212648 Design Release 20.02 SCRs CIV- 106060;CA- 212650 Build Release 20.02 | PPM #46539 Implemented 8/2018 PPM #47411 Implemented 8/2018 PPM #51360 Implemented 8/19 PPM #52397 Implemented R60 (2/20) PPM# 53992 New PPM #54015 New PPM #54039 New | FNS is working with the Western Region to discuss planning and preparation for the publication of the final rule on ABAWDs. FNS did not provide any information specific to what changes will be implemented in the final rule, but they did share that the Administration still has a December release date on the rulemaking calendar. When released, a relatively aggressive implementation timeline may be required by States. FNS mentioned that this timeline could be as little as 60-90 days from release of the final rule. This means that States could be expected to be in compliance as early as March 2020. California may be required to submit an updated waiver request under new waiver criteria. FNS has confirmed that our current waiver will be valid until final approval of the new waiver is received. If this is the case, CDSS will take the lead on submitting an updated waiver and will keep impacted counties in the loop. CDSS encourages counties to begin planning for implementation, but would limit these activities to planning that can occur ahead of a final rule as additional details will only come to light once the rule is finalized. -Continued on Next Slide- |

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

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| 1/1/2017 Fixed Clock 8/31/2019 Waiver Expires ACIN I-11-16 ACIN I-88-16 ACL 18-08 ABAWD Handbook ACL 19-93 ABAWD Handbook 2.0 | SCRs CIV-7215; CA-57971 Phase II Implemented Release 19.09 SCRs CIV- 103743 CA- 207637 Phase III Design Release 20.09 SCRs CIV- 106058;CA- 212648 Design Release 20.02 SCRs CIV- 106060;CA- 212650 Build Release 20.02 | PPM #46539 Implemented 8/2018 PPM #47411 Implemented 8/2018 PPM #51360 Implemented 8/19 PPM #52397 Implemented R60 (2/20) PPM# 53992 New PPM #54015 New PPM #54039 New | Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara are the counties that have implemented the ABAWD policy. The remaining counties are on waiver until 8/31/20. The ABAWD Handbook version 2.0 was published on 9/12/19. CalSAWS Update: Provide a list of the ABAWD population to the counties Schedule an onsite functionality click through for counties Provide existing system training materials – Job aids and functional presentation. Finalize the design for Phase III changes. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train staff on changes to system functionality. |

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

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| 1/1/2017 Fixed Clock 8/31/2019 Waiver Expires ACIN I-11-16 ACIN I-88-16 ACL 18-08 ABAWD Handbook ACL 19-93 ABAWD Handbook 2.0 | SCRs CIV-7215; CA-57971 Phase II Implemented Release 19.09 SCRs CIV- 103743 CA- 207637 Phase III Design Release 20.09 SCRs CIV- 106058;CA- 212648 Design Release 20.02 SCRs CIV- 106060;CA- 212650 Build Release 20.02 | PPM #46539 Implemented 8/2018 PPM #47411 Implemented 8/2018 PPM #51360 Implemented 8/19 PPM #52397 Implemented R60 (2/20) PPM# 53992 New PPM #54015 New PPM #54039 New | CalWIN Update: ABAWD functionality enabled for Alameda and Contra Costa as of 9/1/2019. Suppress the FX60 transactions until new criteria for starting the ABAWD time clock is programmed. Modify CalWIN to start the ABAWD time clock for non-exempt ABAWD individuals. Run special job to re-transmit FX20 and FX60 MEDS transactions once change is implemented. CalWIN functionality training available on Share CalWIN, recorded walk thru, user guide. CalWIN has opened three proposals for the new Federal Rule changes and anticipates others to support the new changes. CalWIN County Business Impact Counties will not have ABAWD information in MEDS when FX60 is suppressed. Receiving ABAWD counties will have to obtain Countable/Consecutive clock information from sending counties for ICTs. |

Policy Update Automate Disaster CalFresh

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| ACL 18-17 ACL 18-125 MPP 63-900 | SCR CA- 200879 Design Release 20.07 | N/A | The Disaster CalFresh (DCF) program is not automated in the LRS/CalSAWS. Counties use manual EDBC to issue DCF benefits and they manually track the number of DCF applicants and households who have applied and been denied or approved. CalSAWS Update: Disaster CalFresh functionality will be add to LRS/CalSAWS. The Disaster CalFresh changes will include: Data collection pages to support automating Disaster CalFresh Functionality to support impacted counties remotely with ongoing caseload management tasks The CW/CF committee will assist with this effort by providing input on the SCR design, which includes reviewing and approving the final design. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCR CA-200879. |

Policy Update Increase Threshold for CalFresh Overissuances

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| 6/1/2019 ACL 19-50 | SCRs CIV- 104217; CA- 208685 Implemented Release 19.11 | PPM #52311 Implemented R59 (11/19) PPM #52396 Implemented R60 (2/20) | Effective 6/1/19, the CalFresh claims establishment threshold will be \$400 for closed CalFresh cases with an overissuance (OI) caused by an Administrative Error (AE) or Inadvertent Household Error (IHE). The new threshold does not apply to OIs arising from an IPV or from QC reviews. As a reminder, per current claims reporting policy, a claim that is not established (i.e. under \$400) must not be reported on the FNS 209 form. CalWIN Update: Until automation can be implemented BENDS (workaround) instructions issued 6/19. Interim solution implemented November 2019, a SQL will be run monthly to suspend CalFresh over-issuance for claims \$400 or under if the CalFresh program is discontinuing. Full automation change: • Modify CalWIN to not establish a CalFresh over-issuance for claims \$400 or under if the CalFresh is discontinuing. • Modify CalWIN to open claims \$400 or under if the CalFresh is rescinded/restored. CalWIN County Business Impact Users utilize functionality recently implemented for CalFresh claims \$400 or under if the CalFresh is discontinuing. |

Policy Update CalFresh Redesign of Overissuance Notices

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| 5/3/2019 ACL 18-50 | SCRs CIV- 5849; CA- 202684 New Release 20.07 | PPM #51600 Implemented R60 (2/20) | ACL 18-50 introduces redesigned CalFresh overissuance notices of action. The changes to the CalFresh OI NOAs were made to enhance client comprehension and readability; clarify requirements through wording and design changes; simplify the forms by reformatting and eliminating unnecessary language; improve the flow and continuity of information; and increase the effectiveness and efficiency of requested processes. CalSAWS Update: Both SCRs are SPG approved awaiting design to begin. Until the new NOAs are implemented counties can use the version on the CDSS website. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Reject the system generated notice of action (NOA) and manually complete and send the appropriate NOA. CalWIN Update: Notices implemented February 2020, generated by CalWIN. CalWIN County Business Impact Counties may use CalWIN functionality. |

Policy Update CalFresh Revised Excess Medical Deduction form CF 31

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| 6/1/2019 ACL 18-141 | SCRs CIV- 103015; CA- 206080 New Release TBD | N/A | The CF 31 is used to identify excess medical expenses that may qualify a household to claim the medical or standard medical deduction. Revisions were made to provide clarification on the use of the term "disabled", as well as the types of verification that may be provided as proof of a medical expense. CalSAWS Update: Both SCRs are SPG approved awaiting design to begin. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCRs CIV-103015 and CA-206080. CalWIN Update: CF 31 not available in CalWIN, no impact. CalWIN County Business Impact The CF 31 is not a mandatory form; it is an optional form that customers may use to report medical expenses. Counties may use shelf stock or print from CDSS website as needed. |

Policy Update CalFresh Churn Report – CF 18

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| 10/18/2019 ACL 18-117 ACL 18-117E | SCRs CIV- 100878; CA- 201836 Design Release 21.01 | PPM #53150- Design R61 (5/20) | The CF 18 is a monthly State report that measures "caseload churn" among CalFresh households. Caseload churn is the cycling of CalFresh households on and off the program when benefit eligibility was likely never lost. The disruption in benefits creates a temporary hardship for participants and creates administrative burden for CWDs. The first automated report is due to CDSS in February 2021. Currently, CDSS receives data regarding CalFresh caseload churn from SAWS through a SAWS Internal Request for Research Analysis (SIRFRA), #3101. CalSAWS Update: Add a CalFresh Caseload Churn Report (CF 18) to the systems per the instructions in ACL 18-117 & ACL 18-117E. Continue to provide data via SIRFRA 3101 until the CF 18 reports is automated. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train applicable staff to review and submit the CF 18 report to CDSS based on county business process. |

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| 10/18/2019 ACL 18-117 ACL 18-117E | SCRs CIV- 100878; CA- 201836 Design Release 21.01 | PPM #53729 Design R62 (8/20) | CalWIN Update: Continue to provide data via SIRFRA 3101 until the CF 18 reports is automated. Changes will be implemented to existing CalWIN Business Intelligence Reports according to final CF 18 Errata. CalWIN County Business Impact Utilize CalWIN Business Intelligence for completing the CF 18 report. Demo will be provided to County MR SMEs and BI SMEs. Instructions document will be created and available. |

Policy Update Medi-Cal Expansion for Young Adults

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | C-IV/LRS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| 1/1/2020 ACWDL 19- 23 | SCRs CIV- 103662; CA- 206941 Implemented Release 19.09 SCRs CIV- 104022; CA- 208241 System Test Release 19.09 Priority SCRs CIV- 103874; CA- 207950 Build Release 19.11 Priority SCRs CIV- 104826;CA- 209956 Build Release 20.05 | PPM #51191 Phase 1 Implemented R58B (9/19) PPM #51703 Phase 2 Implemented R59 (11/19) | Building upon SB 75 the Governors budget proposes to expand full-scope Medi-Cal coverage to eligible young adults aged 19 through 25 regardless of immigration status, starting no sooner than 7/1/19. However, DHCS proposed a 1/1/20 effective date. CalHEERS eHIT changes for this policy are scheduled for implementation on 9/23/19 (19.9 release). In November, DHCS will mail the young adult expansion notice to Medi-Cal beneficiaries targeted to transition to the expansion program. It is not necessary for Counties to mail this notice to beneficiaries. However, counties are only required to provide the first notice to new applicants until the implementation of the program in January 2020. CalSAWS Updates: Notice of action changes Aid code rule changes to account for the increased age limit Update existing monthly batch process Run batch EDBC for the impacted Medi-Cal cases |

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| 1/1/2020 ACWDL 19- 23 | SCRs CIV- 103662; CA- 206941 System Test Release 19.09 SCRs CIV- 104022; CA- 208241 Build Release 19.09 SCRs CIV- 103874; CA- 207950 Committee Review Release 19.11 Priority SCRs CIV- 104826;CA- 209956 Build Release 20.05 | PPM #51191 Phase 1 Implemented R58B (9/19) PPM #51703 Phase 2 Implemented R59 (11/19) | CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train staff on changes to system functionality Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC CalWIN Update: Phase 1: Notice of action changes Aid code rule changes to account for the increased age limit Batch triggers inserted for applicable cases for 1/2020 effective date Phase 2: Batch EDBC run will be scheduled for late November to identify individuals meeting the new criteria and grant full scope eligibility. Notice of Action snippets for Non-MAGI, such as MC 239P, MC 239Q and MC 239S. Client Correspondence maintenance Service Requests (SRs) opened for translations to be implemented. MAGI – SR #626668 and Non-MAGI – SR #627578. CalWIN County Business Impact Exception lists will be provided for county action for cases not processed by the batch run. |

Policy Update 2020 Federal Poverty Level Increase

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | C-IV/LRS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| Jan- April 2020 Draft ACWDL received on 1/6/2020 | CIV- 105301/CA- 211064 Design Release 20.02 CIV- 105302/CA- 211066 Design Release 20.02 | PPM #54057 Design Target March 2020 | Many assistance programs use Federal Poverty Limits/Levels to set eligibility criteria. The limits are annual and derive from numbers updated in the Federal Register by the U.S Department of Health and Human Services. CalSAWS Update: Add the update FPL values to the systems on 2/19/2020 Run EDBC for the C-IV System on 3/7/2020. The C-IV System will be down on this day. Run EDBC for LRS on 3/6/2020. System down time is not required. Note: EDBC will be run for January, February, March and April benefit months CalSAWS County Business Impact: Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC CalWIN Update: Proposal opened and planning activities for the COLA process will begin late January and first part of February. Targeted to run 3/7-8/2020 CalWIN County Business Impact: Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC |

Income Limit Increase for Aged and Disabled Program

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | C-IV/LRS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| 8/1/2020 <u>SB 104</u> <u>ACWDL 20-02</u> | SCRs CIV- 105339; CA- 211216 Committee Review Release 20.07 | PPM #53450 Design Target R62 (8/20) | Upon receipt of federal approval, all countable income over 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL), up to 138% of the FPL, to be disregarded, after taking all other disregards, deductions, and exclusions into account for those persons eligible under the program for aged and disabled persons. CalSAWS Update: Modify the systems to no longer use the standard deduction of \$230 for an individual and \$310 for a couple Increase the ABD FPL limit to 138% FPL CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train staff on the policy change and inform them of the changes to the systems. CalWIN Update: Proposal opened with a target to implement August 2020. CalWIN County Business Impact County train staff. |

Policy Update Medi-Cal Postpartum Eligibility Expansion

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | C-IV/LRS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| TBD | SCRs CIV- 105771;CA- 212145 New TBD | PPM #53594 Design TBD | SB 104 extends the eligibility following the last day of an individual's pregnancy from 60 days to one year after the pregnancy ends for individuals receiving health care coverage under the following programs: Medi-Cal, Medi-Cal Access Program, and Perinatal Services Program. CalSAWS Update: Unknown pending receipt of policy from DCHS. CalSAWS is participating in State policy discussions with DHCS. CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCRs CalWIN Update: CalWIN participating in State policy discussions with DHCS and County representatives. CalWIN County Business Impact: Pending policy direction from DHCS. |

CDSS has directed counties to apply the discretionary exemptions for non-exempt ABAWDS for the months of April and May 2020 and send out applicable Notices and ABAWD screening tool. *CalSAWS Next Steps:*

02/19/2020:

1. Turn on ABAWD logic for non-waived counties with a begin date of 04/01/2020.

2. Automatically update the ABAWD Time Limit Clock records for non-exempt ABAWDS who are not meeting the work requirements and create the discretionary exemption for April and May 2020.

3. Run EDBC for April and May 2020

4. The system will suppress the CF 377.11B CalFresh Countable Month notice for all counties.

<u>3/21/2020:</u>

- Batch process will generate the following notices for all non waived counties except Marin: CF 377.11C (CalFresh Informational Notice CalFresh Time Limit for ABAWDs) CF 377.11E (CalFresh ABAWD Time Limit Exemption Screening form, with a single Cover letter)
- 2. Batch process will generate the CF 377.11D (CalFresh Discretionary Exemption for ABAWD) for all non-waived counties including Marin County.
- 3. Provide a list of ABAWDs that received a discretionary exemption. The list will be provided on 2/20, 5/1 and 6/1.

After **03/21/2020**, the system will continue to automatically apply the discretionary exemption for non-exempt ABAWDs for the months of April and May 2020; however, it will be the worker's responsibility to manually generate a CF 377.11D from the template repository and mail it with the 377.11C and 377.11E as needed for new applicants or when a recipient loose an exemption. The CF 377.11C, CF 377.11D and CF 377.11E will be available in the template repository.

CalSAWS Outreach:

- Schedule an ABAWD functionality demo and click through for counties. This will take place in late February. For more information, refer to CRFI 20-006 sent on 1/29/2020.
- Inform the counties of existing ABAWD system training materials.
- CalSAWS finalize the design for Phase III ABAWD changes.

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CalWIN Next Steps:

February 2020

- Apply Discretionary Exemption effective April 1, 2020 for the 5 existing ABAWD counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara. Mass update will be applied to individuals that have a Not Working (NW) Clock. ABAWD Notices will be suppressed for these counties. Note: Fresno and Tulare will continue the ABAWD Waiver.
 - Target implementation date: 3rd week of February.

March 2020

- Apply the process to end the ABAWD waiver for 11 CalWIN counties, effective 4/1/20. Followed up by a mass update process to apply the Discretionary Exemption effective April 1, 2020 to individuals that do not have a work registration exemption, ABAWD exemption or meeting work requirements. ABAWD notices will be suppressed.
- Conversion will be run for all ABAWD cases/individuals for the 11 new CalWIN counties.
 - Target implementation date: Mid-March 2020.

CalWIN Next Steps - continued

March 2020

- The following ABAWD Notices will be triggered for Daily Batch Cycle and will print or be available March 31, 2020. English and Spanish versions available. Other languages will include the GEN 1365 with an English version notice.
 - CF 377.11c (CalFresh Time Limit for ABAWDs)triggered for 11 new ABAWD CalWIN counties.
 - CF 377.11d (CalFresh Discretionary exemption for ABAWDs)triggered for 16 ABAWD CalWIN counties.
 - CF 377.11e (CalFresh ABAWD Time Limit Exemption Screening Form)triggered for 11 new ABAWD CalWIN counties.

CalWIN Outreach:

- Work Registration and ABAWD User Guide and recorded session for ABAWD Walkthrough session available on Share CalWIN.
- Conference call held with CalFresh SMEs to review upcoming ABAWD activities, on February 3, 2020.
- Counties can update their CalWIN County Training environments to remove the ABAWD waiver through an overnight process.
- Case lists to assist counties completing ABAWD Readiness Assessment Template attached to SR #633737.

Spanish Translation Process

Currently, all English content for outbound correspondence (Forms/NOAs, Email, Text Messages, IVR, Mobile App) including Kiosk and Self-Service Portal is translated into Spanish by the CalSAWS project analysts and reviewed and approved by the County Spanish User group.

The Spanish translation process takes up to about 3 weeks. The project has worked with the CalSAWS translation vendor, United Language Group (ULG), to streamline the translation process to receive all threshold translations back from ULG within about a week. ULG has confirmed that they have capability to adjust the tone of the translated text to reflect the level of comprehension of a 6th grade reader to meet the Turner requirements.

Spanish Translation Process

Next Steps:

- Effective March 1st, 2020, the CalSAWS Project will provide one English version to be translated in all threshold translations to ULG.
- All customer correspondence will be translated by ULG.
- Disband the Spanish Translation User group.