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1 OVERVIEW

Per ACL 19-106, ACL 19-79 and AB 807, 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, are exempt from being considered income for CalWORKs and CalFresh programs eligibility and benefits determination. This SCR will update income types of Awards/Scholarships and Census Earnings – Temporary to be exempt as income for CalWORKs (CW) and CalFresh (CF) Eligibility Determination and Benefit Calculation (EDBC).

1.1 Current Design

The income type of Census Earnings – Temporary income type is treated as:

- Exempt income for CF participants
- Earned income for CW participants

The income type of Awards/Scholarships is treated as:

- Unearned income for CF participants.
- Exempt income for CW participants who meet the definition of dependent child for CW.

1.2 Requests

Per ACL 19-106, income type of Census Earnings – Temporary for Earnings income category should be treated as:

- Exempt income for CW and related program participants as of 11/2019.

Per ACL 19-79, income type of Census Earnings – Temporary for Earnings income category should be treated as:

- Earned income for CF participants as of 10/2020

Per MPP Section 63-502.2(e), income type of Awards/Scholarships for Educational/Student income category should be treated as:

- Exempt income for CF participants for all benefit months.

1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update Census Earnings – Temporary income type for Earnings income category to be considered as exempt for CW and related programs as of 11/2019.
2. Update Census Earnings – Temporary income type for Earnings income category to be considered as earned income for CF as of 10/2020.

3. Update Awards/Scholarships income type for Educational/Student income category to be considered as exempt for CF program for all benefit months.
4. Generate list of CF with an active program person receiving income from Awards/Scholarships income type.
5. Generate list of CW, RCA, IN and DIV cases with an active program person receiving income Census Earnings – Temporary income types.

1.4 Assumptions

1. Census Earnings – Temporary income type will continue to be treated as exempt for the CF program until 09/30/2020.
2. Awards/Scholarships income type will continue to be treated as exempt for CW participants who meet the definition of dependent child.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 EDBC Changes

2.1.1 Overview

Update Census Earnings – Temporary income type for Earnings income category to be considered as exempt for CW and related programs as of 11/2019.

Update Census Earnings – Temporary income type for Earnings income category to be considered as earned income for CF program as of 10/2020.

Update Awards/Scholarships income type for Educational/Student income category to be considered as exempt for CF program for all benefit months.

2.1.2 Description of Changes

1. Update the following income type to be considered as exempt for CW, RCA, IN and DIV effective 11/1/2019:
 - a) Census Earnings - Temporary (CT 186 -07)

2. Update the following income type to be considered as earned income for CF effective 10/1/2020:
 - a) Census Earnings - Temporary (CT 186 -07)

3. Update the following income type to be considered as exempt for CF for all effective benefit months:
 - a) Awards/Scholarships (CT 186 – B7)

2.1.3 Programs Impacted

CW, RCA, IN, DIV, CF

2.1.4 Performance Impacts

N/A

2.2 Automated Regression Test

2.2.1 Overview

Create new automated test scripts to verify the income counting or exemption for each of the updated income and program combinations.

2.2.2 Description of Changes

1. Create a new automated test script to verify CW EDBC consideration for the Census Earnings – Temporary income type based on the current benefit month:
 - a. 10/2019 or earlier: Earned
 - b. 11/2019 or later: Exempt

2. Create a new automated test script to verify CF EDBC consideration for the Census Earnings – Temporary income type based on the current benefit month:
 - a. 09/2020 or earlier: Exempt
 - b. 10/2020 or later: Earned Income


3. Create a new automated test script to verify CF EDBC considers the Awards/Scholarships income type as Exempt regardless of the benefit month.

4. Create a new automated test script to verify RCA EDBC consideration for the Census Earnings – Temporary income type based on the current benefit month:
 - a. 10/2019 or earlier: Earned
 - b. 11/2019 or later: Exempt

5. Create a new automated test script to verify CW EDBC consideration for the Census Earnings – Temporary income type based on the current benefit month:
 - a. 10/2019 or earlier: Earned
 - b. 11/2019 or later: Exempt

6. Create a new automated test script to verify CW EDBC consideration for the Census Earnings – Temporary income type based on the current benefit month:
 - a. 10/2019 or earlier: Earned
 - b. 11/2019 or later: Exempt

3 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Number	Functional Area	Description	Attachment
1	Eligibility	Update treatment of Awards/Scholarships and Census Earnings – Temporary for CF and CW	 19-106.pdf

4 REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Project Requirements

REQ #	REQUIREMENT TEXT	How Requirement Met
2.8.2.11	The LRS shall treat income and resources based on program-specific rules.	This SCR will exempt Awards/Scholarships and Census Earnings – Temporary as income from the CW EDBC to comply with ACL 19-106.

5 OUTREACH

5.1 Lists

1. Generate list of CF with an active program person receiving income from Awards/Scholarships income type.

List Name: Award_Scholarship_Income_CF_Cases

List Criteria:

- Case had an active income record with income type of 'Awards/Scholarships' active program person any time since January 2019.
- Case had a CF program with a status of 'Active' any time since January 2019.

Standard Columns:

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

Frequency: One-time

2. Generate list of CW, RCA, IN and DIV cases with an active program person receiving income Census Earnings – Temporary income type.

List Name: CensusTemp_Income_CashAid_Cases

List Criteria:

- Case had an active income record with income type of 'Census Earnings – Temporary' for the active program person any time since November 2019.
- Case had a CW, RCA, IN or DIV program with a status of 'Active' any time since November 2019.

Standard Columns:

- Case Name
- Case Number
- County
- Unit
- Unit Name

- Office Name
- Worker

Frequency: One-time

The lists will be posted to the following locations:

System	Path
CalSAWS	CalSAWS Web Portal>System Changes>SCR and SIR Lists>2020>CA-211229
C-IV	CalSAWS Web Portal>System Changes>SCR and SIR Lists>2020>CIV-105343

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