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## 1 OVERVIEW

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The purpose of this document is to satisfy functional specification in support of changes with CalHEERS Change Request CH-153970 (Married Filing Jointly Spouse and Out of State).

With CH-153970, eHIT will now have functionality to specify a tax filing status association between the two individuals who attest to an expected filing status of 'Married Filing Jointly' with each other. CalHEERS and The Systems will perform a one-time data change for individuals with expected filing status of 'Married Filing Jointly' and relationship of 'spouse' to create the tax filing status association with each other. CalSAWS will provide a list to counties of cases in The Systems with at least one individual with 'Married Filing Jointly' expected filing status who is still missing the tax filing status association after the data change.

The Systems will add additional fields to the Tax Household Detail page to collect the tax filing status association. The Systems will allow the worker to indicate if the tax filer meets the Married Filing Jointly Exception; DHCS will provide guidance to counties when it is appropriate for the worker to apply the exception. The Systems will add page validations and batch skips that require the joint tax filer information on an EDR, unless the worker indicated the tax filer meets the Married Filing Jointly Exception to bypass these validations or there is a negative action or non-compliance. The Systems will prevent a parent or child to be selected as the joint tax filer.

The Systems will add a new non-compliance reason "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" to be used in conjunction with negative action 'Failure to Complete Determination' or 'Failure to Complete Redetermination' to deny or discontinue an individual from MAGI Medi-Cal and generate the new "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" NOA language. This non-compliance reason will not be communicated to CalHEERS in eHIT because it was out of scope for the CalHEERS Change Request (CH-153970) and will be known only in The System until a future CalHEERS Change Request update to include the new non-compliance reason in eHIT.

eHIT will now allow adding an individual to the application who resides out of the state or country. C-IV will add a "Country" dropdown to the Address Detail page to close a gap between C-IV and LRS/CalSAWS as LRS/CalSAWS already has this "Country" dropdown. When the residence address is not in California and the "Country" is not in the US (or US Territories), The Systems will communicate to CalHEERS in an EDR that the individual is living outside the US, but the address itself will not be sent in the EDR.

The CalHEERS Business Rules Engine (BRE) will deny or discontinue any individual who attests to residing out of California and will include an Eligibility Evaluation Reason Code (EERC) of 'Individual not a California Resident' on the Determination of Eligibility Response (DER). The Systems will update the triggers to generate the existing California Residence NOA language for individuals denied or discontinued with EERC of 'Individual not a California Resident'.

If all individuals on a CalHEERS portal application attest to residing out of California, CalHEERS will not send a DER to the counties and will directly send a Denial Notice to the applicants. The System will prevent sending an EDR to CalHEERS if the Primary Applicant has a residence address out of the country.

CalHEERS will establish the County of Responsibility (COR) for a new application on the CalHEERS portal based on the Primary Applicant's residence address if the Primary Applicant lives in California; otherwise, if the Primary Applicant lives outside of California, CalHEERS will establish the COR based on the first individual added to the case with a California residence address. That means, CalHEERS will send the DER to the county of the first individual on the application with a California residence address.

## 1.1 Current Design

The Systems send an Eligibility Determination Request (EDR) to CalHEERS without requiring both joint tax filers to be included on the Medi-Cal application when an individual specifies their "Expected Filing Status" as 'Married Filing Jointly'. C-IV requires spouses on the same Medi-Cal application to have the same "Expected Filing Status" when requesting MAGI from the MAGI Determination List page; LRS/CalSAWS does not have this requirement.

The Systems Tax Household Detail page does not have an option to indicate the joint tax filer on the same tax record for an individual with "Expected Filing Status" of 'Married Filing Jointly' nor a way for the worker to indicate the tax filer meets the 'Married Filing Jointly Exception'.

The Systems eHIT functionality prevents sending an EDR with a deceased person as a tax filer in the calendar year after they are deceased.

LRS/CalSAWS Address Detail page has a field to specify the "Country"; C-IV does not have this "Country" field.

The Systems eHIT functionality sends an EDR with a Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) code for addresses outside the state of California, but CalHEERS only reads the FIPS code as a California county; CalHEERS returns an error of a "FIPS code/ZIP Code mismatch" instead of a MAGI Determination.

US Territories are defined in The Systems as the US Territories recognized by MEDS. The current US Territories recognized by MEDS are: American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands (US) (CT\_228, Refer\_Table\_5\_Descr = Y).

The Systems do not have a non-compliance nor NOA language to populate when an individual is denied or discontinued from MAGI Medi-Cal for failure to provide information about the person with whom they file 'Married Filing Jointly'.

The Systems send non-compliances to CalHEERS in an EDR if The System non-compliance is mapped to a CalHEERS non-compliance in eHIT as implemented in Release 19.06 with CA-203096 | CIV-10287. There is a many-to-one mapping of The System non-compliances to CalHEERS non-compliances in eHIT, so The System stores a reference to The System non-compliance reason that resulted in a non-compliance sent in an EDR to CalHEERS. Medi-Cal EDBC rules then refer to that non-compliance reference in the EDR corresponding to the DER used in Medi-Cal EDBC and then by the NOAs to generate the proper non-compliance language.

The Systems generate the California Residence reason on a MAGI Medi-Cal Change(C-IV) or Denial/Discontinuance NOA when the DER includes the EERC 'Residency – Admin Verification Failed' (RF). C-IV - California Residence NOA is available in all 13 C-IV-supported threshold languages; LRS/CalSAWS - California Residence NOA is currently available in: English, Armenian, Cambodian, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

## 1.2 Requests

1. Update the Tax Household page to require individuals who attest to an "Expected Filing status" of 'Married Filing Jointly' to specify the other individual with whom they file unless the tax filer meets the 'Married Filing Jointly Exception'. The other individual cannot be a grandparent, parent, child or grandchild of the tax filer.
2. Add a Medi-Cal non-compliance reason "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" to the 'Failure to Provide' category to generate the appropriate language on the MAGI Change(C-IV)/Denial/Discontinuance NOA as provided by DHCS.
3. Update the MAGI Determination List page and Batch MAGI to only send an EDR when the required information is included for joint tax filers.
  - a. Allow an exception to these requirements when the tax filer is negative actioned, has a non-compliance or the worker indicates the individual meets the policy exception.
4. Perform a one-time data change for individuals with "Expected Filing Status" of 'Married Filing Jointly' and relationship of 'spouse' to create the "Tax Filing Status Association" with each other.
  - a. Create a one-time list of cases with any active Medi-Cal individual who has "Expected Filing Status" of 'Married Filing Jointly' and is missing the "Tax Filing Status Association" after the one-time data change.
5. **C-IV only:** Add "Country" option to the Address Detail page.
6. Update The Systems to communicate an out-of-country indicator in eHIT for individuals who reside out of country. Do not communicate residence and mailing address in the EDR for that individual.
7. Add 'Individual is not a California Resident' EERC to The Systems.
8. Add the new Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information MAGI Medi-Cal Denial and Discontinuance NOA verbiage to The Systems in English and Spanish and generate when the individual has the status reason of 'FTP - Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information'.



9. Add the new Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information MAGI Medi-Cal Denial and Discontinuance NOA verbiage to The Systems in English and Spanish and generate when the individual has the status reason of 'Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information'.
10. Update the trigger conditions for the California Residence NOA to generate if the EERC 'Individual is not a California Resident' is on the DER and the individual is Discontinued or Denied from MAGI Medi-Cal.

**Note:** CalSAWS will implement eHIT technical changes to The Systems to support the new tax filing status association and out-of-country indicator with CA-211616 | CIV-105575 in the same release.

### 1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update the Tax Household Detail page to allow a Worker to establish the "Tax Filing Status Association" and/or indicate if the tax filer meets the "Married Filing Jointly Exception" for individuals with "Expected Filing Status" of 'Married Filing Jointly'.
2. **C-IV only:** Update the Address Detail page to include a new "Country" drop-down field to allow a worker to specify when an address is outside of the United States. This closes a design difference between LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV.
3. Update the MAGI Person Detail page to display "Tax Filing Status Association:" and "Residing Outside Country/US:" sent in the EDR or received in the DER via eHIT.
4. Update the MAGI Determination List page to require joint tax filers to both file as 'Married Filing Jointly' and to indicate with whom they file. The exceptions to these requirements are when the EDR includes a negative action or non-compliance for the tax filer, or if the worker has indicated the "Married Filing Jointly Exception" as 'Yes' in the Tax Household Detail Page.
5. Update the MAGI Determination List page to require both individuals who indicate they are joint tax filers to be on the EDR and prevent sending a deceased person as the joint tax filer in the calendar year after they are deceased.
6. Update the MAGI Determination List page to require the Primary Applicant to have a physical and mailing address within the United States or its Territories.
7. **C-IV only:** Remove the existing page validation which requires spouses to have the same tax filing status. This will allow one spouse to indicate they file as 'Married Filing Separate' and the other not file at all.
8. Update Batch MAGI to skip a case when a tax filer with "Expected Filing Status" 'Married Filing Jointly' is missing the "Tax Filing Association" selection to indicate with whom they file, or when both individuals are not on the EDR or when both individuals do not have "Expected Filing Status" 'Married Filing Jointly'. The exceptions to these requirements are when the EDR includes a negative action or non-compliance for the tax filer, or if "Married Filing Jointly Exception" indicated as 'Yes' for the tax filer.
9. Update the Batch MAGI to skip a case when the EDR would include a deceased person as the joint tax filer in the calendar year after they are deceased.

10. Update Batch MAGI to skip a case when the Primary Applicant has a physical and/or mailing address outside the United States or its Territories.
11. Add a non-compliance reason named, "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" to the 'Failed to Provide' type for the Medi-Cal program. This non-compliance is not used by Medi-Cal EDBC to close an individual or program, but it will be used together with the MAGI Medi-Cal negative action for 'Failure to Complete Determination' or 'Failure to Complete Redetermination' to generate additional language on the MAGI Medi-Cal Change(C-IV), Denial or Discontinuance NOA.
12. Update Medi-Cal EDBC rules to save 'FTP-Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information' person status reason when an individual is denied or discontinued from MAGI Medi-Cal for 'Failure to Complete Determination' or 'Failure to Complete Redetermination' and the 'Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information' non-compliance is referenced in the EDR corresponding to the DER used by Medi-Cal EDBC.
13. The Systems eHIT logic will communicate the "Tax Filing Status Association" and out-of-country indicator in the EDR to CalHEERS and save both values when received in a DER. The Systems eHIT logic will no longer send the FIPS code when the address is outside of California and will display the new EERC when CalHEERS determines an individual MAGI ineligible or discontinued because they have a physical address outside of California.
14. The Systems eHIT logic will save the non-compliance reason "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" in the background of the EDR when the non-compliance is high-dated and is effective for the individual for the entire EDR benefit month. "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" will not be sent to CalHEERS and will not display on the EDR for the worker in MAGI Person Detail.
15. Create a new MAGI Medi-Cal NOA reason for "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" to generate when an individual is denied or discontinued from MAGI Medi-Cal for the person status reason 'FTP-Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information'.
16. Update the trigger conditions for the California Residence NOA to generate if the EERC 'Individual is not a California Resident' is on the DER and the individual is Discontinued or Denied from MAGI Medi-Cal.
17. Perform a one-time data change for individuals with "Expected Filing Status" of 'Married Filing Jointly' and relationship of spouse (in the Relationship Detail page) to create the "Tax Filing Status Association" with each other. Create a Journal entry for the cases processed successfully in the one-time process.
18. Generate a one-time list of active Medi-Cal programs with at least one Medi-Cal program person active on a MAGI Medi-Cal aid code where the interpreted tax record for the come-up month has at least one individual with "Expected Filing Status" 'Married Filing Jointly', but the "Tax Filing Status Association" was not populated from the one-time data change. Include a column with known reasons the "Tax Filing Status Association" was not populated from the one-time data change.

## 1.4 Assumptions

1. C4Yourself and YourBenefitsNow will not be updated with the Tax Household and Out-of-Country changes. CIV-106420 | CA-213591 placeholder SCR were created to address the functionality. The SCR have not yet been prioritized.
2. CalHEERS Portal allows an individual to attest to the same individual specified as the Tax Filing Status Association to more than one tax filer who file Tax Filing Status of 'Married Filing Jointly'. The Systems will also allow this functionality per DHCS decision.

For example:

Person A attests to expected filing status 'Married Filing Jointly' with Person B.  
Person B attests to expected filing status 'Married Filing Jointly' with Person C.  
Person C attests to expected filing status 'Married Filing Jointly' with Person B.

For each tax record itself, each person only selected they file with one other person, but both Person A and Person C attested to filing 'Married Filing Jointly' with B.

While this is an unlikely scenario, DHCS decided that the applicant should have the ability to attest to their tax filing situation and the CalHEERS Portal and The Systems shall not restrict this scenario.

3. There will be no updates to eICT; any related changes to eICT will be in a separate effort.
4. There are no changes to the Tax Filing Information printed on the MC 216 (MAGI Pre-Pop Form) or the No Change Medi-Cal Renewal NOA.
5. Threshold translations for the "FTP - Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" MAGI Medi-Cal Denial or Discontinuance NOA reason will be added as part of future SCR (CA-213726 | CIV-106464).
6. **LRS/CalSAWS:** SCR CA-213833 will add Hmong and Lao threshold translations for Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information NOA and California Residence NOA.
7. A future SCR effort to add missing Templates and Fragments in Arabic and Farsi will add Arabic and Farsi to the California Residence NOA in as part of the.

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

### 2.1 Tax Household Detail Page

#### 2.1.1 Overview

Update the Tax Household Detail page to allow a Worker to establish the “Tax Filing Status Association” and/or indicate if the tax filer meets the “Married Filing Jointly Exception” for individuals with “Expected Filing Status” of ‘Married Filing Jointly’.

#### 2.1.2 Tax Household Detail Page Mockup

The screenshot displays the 'Tax Household Detail' form. At the top, there is a legend: '\* - Indicates required fields'. The form contains several fields: 'Name: \*' (Anton Nimitz), 'Primary Tax Filer: \*' (Yes), and 'Filing Year: \*' (2019). Below these are two questions: 'Is this person expected to be required to file taxes for the current year? \*' (Yes) and 'Is this person planning to file taxes for the current year?' (Yes). The 'Expected Filing Status:' field is set to 'Head of Household'. The 'Caretaker Relative:' field is highlighted with a red box and is positioned directly below the 'Expected Filing Status:' field. Below this are two more questions: 'Is this person expected to be claimed as a Dependent by a non-custodial parent?' (No) and 'Who claims this person as a Dependent this year?' (-Select-). A blue header section titled 'Projected Annual Income' contains 'Projected Annual Income Amount:' and 'Is the Projected Annual Income amount correct?'. 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons are located at the top right and bottom right of the form.

Figure 2.1.2.1 – ‘Caretaker Relative:’ field repositioned and displayed under ‘Expected Filing Status:’ field

**Tax Household Detail**

\*- Indicates required fields

Save Cancel

Name: \* Anton Nimitz Primary Tax Filer: \* Yes Filing Year: \* 2019

Is this person expected to be required to file taxes for the current year? \*  
Yes

Is this person planning to file taxes for the current year?  
Yes

Expected Filing Status: Married Filing Jointly Married Filing Jointly Exception \* No Tax Filing Status Association: \*

Caretaker Relative:

Is this person expected to be claimed as a Dependent by a non-custodial parent?  
No

Who claims this person as a Dependent this year?  
-Select-

**Projected Annual Income**

Projected Annual Income Amount: Is the Projected Annual Income amount correct?

Save Cancel

Figure 2.1.2.2 – “Tax Filing Status Association:” drop-down is required when “Married Filing Jointly Exception:” is ‘No’

**Tax Household Detail**

\*- Indicates required fields

Save Cancel

Name: \* Anton Nimitz Primary Tax Filer: \* Yes Filing Year: \* 2019

Is this person expected to be required to file taxes for the current year? \* Yes

Is this person planning to file taxes for the current year? Yes

Expected Filing Status: Married Filing Jointly Married Filing Jointly Exception \* Yes Tax Filing Status Association: -Select-

Caretaker Relative:

Is this person expected to be claimed as a Dependent by a non-custodial parent? No

Who claims this person as a Dependent this year? -Select-

**Projected Annual Income**

Projected Annual Income Amount: Is the Projected Annual Income amount correct?

Save Cancel

**Figure 2.1.2.3 – “Tax Filing Status Association:” drop-down is not required when “Married Filing Jointly Exception:” is ‘Yes’**

### 2.1.3 Description of Changes

1. Reposition and display “Caretaker Relative:” drop-down field under the “Expected Filing Status:” drop-down field as shown in Figure 2.1.2.1.
2. Add a new drop-down named “Married Filing Jointly Exception:” as shown in Figures 2.1.2.2 and 2.1.2.3.
  - a. Display “Married Filing Jointly Exception:” to the right of “Expected Filing Status:” field.
  - b. Possible values are ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; default value is ‘No’.
  - c. Dynamically display “Married Filing Jointly Exception:” as a required field when “Expected Filing Status:” of ‘Married Filing Jointly’ is selected.

3. Add a new drop-down named "Tax Filing Status Association:" as shown in Figures 2.1.2.2 and 2.1.2.3.
  - a. Display "Tax Filing Status Association:" to the right of "Married Filing Jointly Exception:" field.
  - b. Drop-down options:
    - i. List all case individuals excluding:
      - Duplicate Person
      - Hidden Person
      - Tax Filer
    - ii. Include in the drop-down individuals who have any of the following relationships to the tax filer:
      - Aunt/Uncle (up to 3 greats)
      - Common Law (**LRS/CalSAWS only**)
      - Cousin (1st or 1st once removed)
      - Domestic Partner (**C-IV only**)
      - Registered Domestic Partner (**LRS/CalSAWS only**)
      - Niece/Nephew
      - Other Relative
      - Sibling (full or half)
      - Spouse
      - Stepsibling
      - Unrelated

**Note:** The format for the drop-down values differ between LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV. Each system will display the options in their standard format for person drop downs on that page as below:

- i. LRS/CalSAWS: [Last Name], [First Name] Age (in years)  
Gender
  - ii. C-IV: [First Name] [Last Name]
- c. Dynamically display "Tax Filing Status Association:" as a required field when the value of "Married Filing Jointly Exception:" field is set to 'No' as shown in Figure 2.1.2.3
  - d. Dynamically display "Tax Filing Status Association:" as an optional field when the value of "Married Filing Jointly Exception:" field is set to 'Yes' as shown in Figure 2.1.2.4

**Note:** The Systems will remove the selection from "Married Filing Jointly Exception:" and "Tax Filing Status Association:" fields when the "Expected Filing Status:" field value is changed from 'Married Filing Jointly' to another value and "Married Filing Jointly Exception:" and "Tax Filing Status Association:" become hidden.

#### 2.1.4 Page Location

- **Global:** Eligibility
- **Local:** Customer Information
- **Task:** Tax Household

### **2.1.5 Security Updates**

None

### **2.1.6 Page Mapping**

Update the Page Mapping to account for the new fields.

### **2.1.7 Page Usage/Data Volume Impacts**

No impacts.



## 2.2 Address Detail Page (C-IV only)

### 2.2.1 Overview

Update the Address Detail page to include a new “Country” drop-down field to allow a worker to specify when an address is outside of the United States. This closes a design difference between LRS/CalSAWS and C-IV.

### 2.2.2 Address Detail Page Mockup

**Address Detail**

\* - Indicates required fields

Save and Return Cancel

**Address Information**

**Address Applies To: \***  
Select -

**Begin Date: \*** **End Date:**

**Address Type(s): \***  
Select -  
Mailing  
Physical

**Address Line 1: \***

**Address Line 2:**

**City: \*** **State:** **ZIP Code:**

**Country: \***  
Russia

Save and Return Cancel

Figure 2.2.1 – Address Detail Page “Add” mode

**Address Detail**

\*- Indicates required fields

**Address Information**

**Address Applies To: \***

**Begin Date: \*** 11/01/2017 **End Date:**

**Address Type: \*** Physical

**Address Line 1: \*** 181 Kiev

**Address Line 2:**

**City: \*** Moscow **State:** **ZIP Code:**

**Country: \*** Russia **Address County:**

Save and Return Cancel

Save and Return Cancel

Figure 2.2.2 – Address Detail Page “Edit” mode

### 2.2.3 Description of Changes

1. Update the Address Detail page to include a new required drop-down field “Country:” as shown in Figure 2.2.1 and Figure 2.2.2.
  - a. “Country:” field will display the same options that are currently available on the Individual Demographics Detail page under the “Birth Country:” drop-down field
  - b. In “Add” mode the “Country:” field will default to ‘United States’ and the “State:” field will default to ‘CA’
    - i. When the “Country:” field is changed to another value other than ‘United States’, the page will refresh. Upon loading, the “State:” field will default to Blank.
    - ii. If the “Country:” field is changed back to ‘United States’, the page will refresh. Upon loading, the “State:” field will default back to ‘CA’.
  - c. If the “Country:” field is set to anything other than ‘United States’, the “State:” and “ZIP Code:” fields are not required.

### 2.2.4 Page Location

- **Global:** Case Info
- **Local:** Case Summary
- **Task:** Contact

### 2.2.5 Security Updates

N/A

### 2.2.6 Page Mapping

Update the Page Mapping to account for the new field.

### 2.2.7 Page Usage/Data Volume Impacts

N/A

## 2.3 MAGI Person Detail page

### 2.3.1 Overview

Update the MAGI Person Detail page to display the "Tax Filing Status Association:" and "Residing Outside Country/US:" sent in the EDR or received in the DER via eHIT.

### 2.3.2 MAGI Person Detail Page Mockup

The screenshot displays a form titled "Tax Filer Information" with a dropdown arrow. The form contains several fields:

<b>Primary Tax Filer:</b> Yes	<b>Expected to be Required to File Taxes this year:</b> Yes	<b>Plan to File Taxes this year:</b> Yes
<b>Expected Filing Status:</b> Married Filing Jointly	<b>Claimed as a Dependent:</b> No	<b>Expect to be Claimed by NCP:</b> No
<b>Tax Filing Status Association:</b> Maura Berry	<b>Claimed as a Dependent by:</b>	<b>NCP is not on the Application:</b> No

Below these fields is a "Caretaker:" label. At the bottom, there is a section titled "Tax Dependents" with a blue header, containing a list of names: Maura Berry and Diana Berry.

**Figure 2.3.2.1 – "Tax Filing Status Association:" field denotes Married Filing Jointly association**

▼ Contact Information		
Preferred Method of Communication: Regular Mail	Preferred Written Language: English	Preferred Spoken Language: English
Address Information		
Physical Address same as Primary's: No	Mailing Address same as Primary's: No	Residing Outside Country/US: Yes

**Figure 2.3.2.2 – “Residing Outside Country/US:” field denotes an out-of-country indicator**

### 2.3.3 Description of Changes

1. Reposition and display the “Caretaker:” field under the “Tax Filing Status Association:” field of the ‘Tax Filer Information’ section on the MAGI Person Detail page as shown in Figure 2.3.2.1.
2. Add a field named “Tax Filing Status Association:” in the ‘Tax Filer Information’ section of the MAGI Person Detail page to display the value in the EDR or DER as shown in Figure 2.3.2.1.
  - a. Display “Tax Filing Status Association:” field under “Expected Filing Status:” field.
  - b. Possible values are Blank or an [individual's name].
3. Add a field named, “Residing Outside Country/US:” in the ‘Address Information’ panel of the ‘Contact Information’ section on the MAGI Person Detail page as shown on Figure 2.3.2.2
  - a. Display “Residing Outside Country/US:” to the right of “Mailing Address same as Primary's:” field.
  - b. Possible values are Blank or ‘Yes’.

### 2.3.4 Page Location

- **Global:** Eligibility
- **Local:** Customer Information
- **Task:** MAGI Eligibility>MAGI Request Detail>MAGI Person Detail

### 2.3.5 Security Updates

No change.

### 2.3.6 Page Mapping

Update the Page Mapping to account for the new fields.

### 2.3.7 Page Usage/Data Volume Impacts

No impacts.

## 2.4 MAGI Determination List page

### 2.4.1 Overview

Update the MAGI Determination List page to require joint tax filers to both file as 'Married Filing Jointly' and to indicate with whom they file. The exceptions to these requirements are when the EDR includes a negative action or non-compliance for the tax filer, or when the Worker indicated "Married Filing Jointly Exception" as 'Yes' for the tax filer on the Tax Household Detail page.

Update the MAGI Determination List page to require both individuals who indicate they are joint tax filers to be on the EDR and prevent sending a deceased person as the joint tax filer in the calendar year after they are deceased.

Update the MAGI Determination List page to require the Primary Applicant to have a physical and mailing address within the United States or its Territories.

**C-IV only:** Remove the existing page validation which requires spouses to have the same tax filing status. This will allow one spouse to indicate they file as 'Married Filing Separate' and the other not file at all.

### 2.4.2 Description of Changes

**Note:** For the below changes, the eHIT logic that identifies the appropriate Tax Household or Address Detail record used for the EDR is not changed.

1. Add a validation to prevent sending an EDR when the individual selected in "Tax Filing Status Association" is deceased in the calendar year prior to the EDR benefit month.
  - a. Criteria: The individual selected in "Tax Filing Status Association" became a verified deceased person in a calendar year prior to the EDR benefit month.
  - b. Validation Trigger: "Request MAGI" button is clicked.
  - c. Validation Message: "Joint Tax Filer [Tax Filing Status Association person name] is deceased in the prior calendar year. Please review Tax Household composition."
  - d. Hard Stop Validation: Yes

2. Add a validation to prevent sending an EDR when the joint tax filer is missing on the EDR.
  - a. Criteria: The tax filer indicated an individual in the "Tax Filing Status Association" who is not included in the EDR
  - b. Validation Trigger: "Request MAGI" button is clicked.
  - c. Validation Message: "Joint Tax Filer [Tax Filing Status Association person name] is not included in the EDR. Please review Tax Household composition."
  - d. Hard Stop Validation: Yes
3. Add a validation to prevent sending an EDR when the Tax Filing Status Association is missing.
  - a. Criteria: The tax filer has "Expected Tax Filing Status" 'Married Filing Jointly' but the "Tax Filing Status Association" individual not specified.
  - b. Exception: Do not trigger this validation if any of the following are true:
    - i. The EDR includes a negative action for the tax filer
    - ii. The EDR includes a non-compliance for the tax filer
    - iii. The value of "Married Filing Jointly Exception" field is set to 'Yes' for the tax filer.
  - c. Validation Trigger: "Request MAGI" button is clicked.
  - d. Validation Message: "Tax Filing Status Association is required for: [tax filer person name]. Please review Tax Household composition."
  - e. Hard Stop Validation: Yes
4. Add a validation to prevent sending an EDR when joint tax filers do not both have "Expected Filing Status" of 'Married Filing Jointly'.
  - a. Criteria: The tax filer and the individual indicated in "Tax Filing Status Association" do not both have "Expected Filing Status" 'Married Filing Jointly' for the tax household records considered for the EDR benefit month
  - b. Exception: Do not trigger this validation if any of the following are true:
    - i. The EDR includes a negative action for the tax filer
    - ii. The EDR includes a non-compliance for the tax filer
    - iii. The value of "Married Filing Jointly Exception" field is set to 'Yes' for the tax filer.
  - c. Validation Trigger: "Request MAGI" button is clicked.
  - d. Validation Message: "Tax Filing Status Association person [Tax Filing Status Association person name] does not file as Married Filing Jointly. Please review Tax Household composition."
  - e. Hard Stop Validation: Yes

5. Add a validation to prevent sending an EDR when the Primary Applicant has a physical and/or mailing address outside the United States or US Territories. If the "State" for the address is 'California', consider the address within the United States regardless of the value in the "Country" field. If the "Country" field is null, consider that within the United States.
  - a. Criteria: The "State" is not 'California' and the "Country" in the physical and/or mailing Address Detail record used for the EDR for the Primary Applicant is not null, 'United States' nor a US Territory.
  - b. Validation Trigger: "Request MAGI" button is clicked.
  - c. Validation Message: "Primary Applicant must have a physical and mailing address within the United States or US Territories."
  - d. Hard Stop Validation: Yes
6. **C-IV only:** Remove 'Spouses must have the same Filing Status on the Tax Household Detail' validation which requires the same "Expected Filing Status" for spouses when requesting MAGI.

### 2.4.3 Page Location

- **Global:** Eligibility
- **Local:** Customer Information
- **Task:** MAGI Eligibility

### 2.4.4 Security Updates

No change.

### 2.4.5 Page Mapping

No change.

### 2.4.6 Page Usage/Data Volume Impacts

No impacts.

## 2.5 Batch MAGI

### 2.5.1 Overview

Update Batch MAGI to skip a case when a tax filer with “Expected Filing Status” ‘Married Filing Jointly’ is missing the “Tax Filing Association” selection to indicate with whom they file, or when both individuals are not on the EDR or when both individuals do not have “Expected Filing Status” ‘Married Filing Jointly’. The exceptions to these requirements are when the EDR includes a negative action or non-compliance for the tax filer, or if “Married Filing Jointly Exception” indicated as ‘Yes’ for the tax filer in the Tax Household Detail page.

Update the Batch MAGI to skip a case when the EDR would include a deceased person as the joint tax filer in the calendar year after they are deceased.

Update Batch MAGI to skip a case when the Primary Applicant has a physical and/or mailing address outside the United States or its Territories.

### 2.5.2 Description of Change

1. Add the following Batch MAGI skip reasons to the 'Not Processed Reason' category (CT\_707).

Not Processed Reason
Tax Filing Status Association individual is deceased
Joint tax filer is missing on the EDR
Tax Filing Status Association is missing
Joint tax filers must both file Married Filing Jointly
Primary Applicant has out-of-country address

2. Update Batch MAGI skip logic to skip a case for “Tax Filing Status Association Individual is deceased” when the individual indicated in the “Tax Filing Status Association” became a verified deceased person in a calendar year prior to the EDR benefit month.
3. Update Batch MAGI skip logic to skip a case for “Joint tax filer is missing on the EDR” when the tax filer indicated an individual in the “Tax Filing Status Association” who is not included in the EDR.
4. Update Batch MAGI skip logic to skip a case for “Tax Filing Status Association is missing” when the tax filer has “Expected Filing Status” of ‘Married Filing Jointly’ but an individual is not specified in “Tax Filing Status Association”.
  - a. Exception: Do not skip if any of the following are true:
    - i. The EDR includes a negative action for the tax filer
    - ii. The EDR includes a non-compliance for the tax filer
    - iii. “Married Filing Jointly Exception” indicated as ‘Yes’ for the tax filer.



5. Update Batch MAGI skip logic to skip a case for “Joint tax filers must both file Married Filing Jointly” when the tax filer and the individual indicated in “Tax Filing Status Association” do not both have “Expected Filing Status” ‘Married Filing Jointly’ for the Tax Household record considered for the EDR benefit month.
  - a. Exception: Do not skip if any of the following are true:
    - i. The EDR includes a negative action for the tax filer
    - ii. The EDR includes a non-compliance for the tax filer
    - iii. “Married Filing Jointly Exception” indicated as ‘Yes’ for the tax filer.
6. Update Batch MAGI skip logic to skip a case for “Primary Applicant has out-of-country address” when the “State” is not ‘California’ and the “Country” in the physical and/or mailing Address Detail record used for the EDR for the Primary Applicant is not null, ‘United States’ nor a US Territory.

### **2.5.3 Execution Frequency**

No change.

### **2.5.4 Key Scheduling Dependencies**

No change.

### **2.5.5 Counties Impacted**

All counties

### **2.5.6 Data Volume/Performance**

No significant performance impact is expected.

### **2.5.7 Failure Procedure/Operational Instructions**

Batch Support Operations staff will evaluate transmission errors and failures and determine the appropriate resolution (i.e., manually retrieving the file from the directory and contacting the external partner if there is an account or password issue, etc.)

## **2.6 Eligibility Non-Compliance Detail page**

### **2.6.1 Overview**

Add a non-compliance reason named, “Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information” to the ‘Failed to Provide’ type for the Medi-Cal program. This non-compliance is not used by Medi-Cal EDBC to close an individual or

program, but it will be used together with the MAGI Medi-Cal negative action for 'Failure to Complete Determination' or 'Failure to Complete Redetermination' to generate additional language on the MAGI Medi-Cal Denial, Discontinuance or Change NOA. (Change NOA is for C-IV only.)

## 2.6.2 Eligibility Non-Compliance Detail Mockup

**Figure 2.7.2.1 – Adding “Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information” Non-Compliance Reason**

## 2.6.3 Description of Changes

1. Create a non-compliance reason (CT\_365) named, “Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information” (as shown in Figure 2.7.2.1) for the Medi-Cal program and ‘Failure to Provide’ “Type”.

## 2.6.4 Page Location

- **Global:** Eligibility
- **Local:** Customer Information
- **Task:** Non-Compliance

## 2.6.5 Security Updates

No change

## 2.6.6 Page Mapping

No change

## 2.6.7 Page Usage/Data Volume Impacts

No change

## 2.7 Eligibility Rules Updates

### 2.7.1 Overview

Update Medi-Cal EDBC rules to save 'FTP-Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information' person status reason when an individual is denied or discontinued from MAGI Medi-Cal for 'Failure to Complete Determination' or 'Failure to Complete Redetermination' and the "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" non-compliance is referenced in the EDR corresponding to the DER used by Medi-Cal EDBC.

### 2.7.2 Description of Changes

1. Add person status reason named, "FTP-Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" (CT\_73). The reason will not close an individual on its own, will not be communicated to MEDS and will not display on the Medi-Cal EDBC Summary page. The reason will display on the Individual Detail page along with the negative action reason that closed the person.
2. Update Medi-Cal EDBC rules to save person status reason "FTP-Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" when all are true:
  - a. The individual is discontinued or denied from MAGI Medi-Cal for negative action reason 'Failure to Complete Determination' or 'Failure to Complete Redetermination'.
  - b. The individual has a non-compliance reason of "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" in the EDR corresponding to the DER use by Medi-Cal EDBC.

### 2.7.3 Programs Impacted

Medi-Cal

### 2.7.4 Performance Impacts

No change

## 2.8 eHIT Update

### 2.8.1 Overview

The Systems eHIT logic will communicate the "Tax Filing Status Association" and out-of-country indicator in the EDR to CalHEERS and save both values when received in a DER. The Systems eHIT logic will no longer send the FIPS code when the address is outside of California and will display the new EERC when CalHEERS determines an individual MAGI ineligible or discontinued because they have a physical address outside of California.

The Systems eHIT logic will save the non-compliance reason "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" in the background of the EDR when the non-compliance is high-dated and is effective for the individual for the entire EDR benefit month. "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" will not be sent to CalHEERS and will not display on the EDR for the worker in MAGI Person Detail.

### 2.8.2 Description of Changes

**Note:** For the below changes, the eHIT logic that identifies the appropriate Tax Household or Address Detail record for the EDR is not changed.

1. Update eHIT outbound logic to include the "Tax Filing Status Association" individual in the EDR when "Tax Filing Status Association" is specified for the Tax Household record sent in the EDR.
  - a. "Tax Filing Status Association" is sent as "TaxFilingStatusAssociation" node, with sub elements:
    - SystemCode: SAWS
    - CasePersonNumber: corresponding SAWS Person number for the individual specified in "Tax Filing Status Association".
2. Update eHIT inbound logic to save the "Tax Filing Status Association" received in the DER.
  - a. "Tax Filing Status Association" is received as "TaxFilingStatusAssociation" node, with sub elements:
    - SystemCode: CalHEERS
    - CasePersonNumber: corresponding CalHEERS Person number
  - b. Update eHIT to populate e-data for "Tax Filing Status Association" when received in an unsolicited DER.
3. Update eHIT outbound logic to send the out-of-country indicator = "Yes" for an individual when the "State" in their Physical Address Detail record is not 'California' and the "Country" is not null, nor 'United States' nor US Territories.

4. When the out-of-country indicator is sent as "Yes", do not include a physical and mailing address in the EDR for that individual.
  - a. Out-of-country indicator is sent as "OutOfCountryAddressInd"
    - i. Do not send the address node for both Physical and Mailing address in the EDR for the individual with "OutOfCountryAddressInd" = Y.
5. Update eHIT inbound logic to save the Out-of-Country indicator received in the DER.
  - a. Out-of-country indicator is received as "OutOfCountryAddressInd"
6. Update eHIT outbound logic to send the "Mailing Address Same as Primary's" = 'Yes' when an individual has a physical address in California or in the United States or US Territory, but their mailing address is out of country.
  - a. Criteria:
    - i. Individual's physical address has "State" = 'California' or "Country" is null, 'United States' or US Territories.
    - ii. Individual's mailing address does not have "State" = 'California' and "Country" is not null, nor 'United States' nor US Territories.
  - b. Send 'sameMailingAddressAsHouseholdContactInd' = Y
7. Add the following EERC (CT\_466).

Code	Short Description	Long Description
OS	Individual not a California Resident	This person has been determined ineligible/discontinued for Medi-Cal as the individual is not a California Resident.

The new EERC will display on the following pages, when applicable.

- MAGI Determination Summary
  - MAGI Determination Detail
  - MAGI Referral Detail
8. Update eHIT outbound logic to no longer send the FIPS code (FIPSCountyCode) in the Address node in the EDR or Information Update when sending a non-California Physical and/or Mailing address.
  9. Update eHIT outbound logic to save the non-compliance reason "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" in the background of the EDR when the non-compliance is high-dated and is effective for the individual for the entire EDR benefit month. "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" will not be sent to CalHEERS and will not display on the EDR for the worker in MAGI Person Detail.

### 2.8.3 Interface Partner

CalHEERS

## 2.9 Correspondence: Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information

### 2.9.1 Overview

Create a new MAGI Medi-Cal NOA reason for “Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information” to generate when an individual is denied or discontinued from MAGI Medi-Cal for the person status reason ‘FTP-Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information’.

### 2.9.2 Create “Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information” Fragment XDP

1. Create a new MAGI Medi-Cal NOA reason for “Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information”. (See Supporting Document #2, #3 and #4 for NOA Mock ups)

	CalSAWS/LRS	C-IV
NOA Template	Denial - MC-MAGI-D (11/2015) Discontinuance: MC-MAGI-T (11/2015)	TEMPLATE_NO_BUDGET_MAGI
Short Description (on Document List Page)	MAGI Denial/ MAGI Termination	NOA – MC – Denial NOA – MC – Discontinuance NOA – MC – Change
Program	MAGI Medi-Cal	MAGI Medi-Cal
Action Type	Denial/Discontinuance	Denial/Discontinuance/Change
Fragment Level	Person/Individual	Person
Repeatable	Yes	Yes
Include NA BACK 9	MAGI NA BACK 9	MAGI NA BACK 9
Languages	English and Spanish	English and Spanish

**Table 2.9.2.1 Details regarding the newly added Reason**

Note: Threshold will be added with SCRs CA-213726 | CIV-106464

- LRS/CalSAWS Verbiage for “Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information” reason.

Description	Verbiage
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English - Static Text	You did not provide the information that we asked for. We need you to provide information about all household members living in your home or included on your tax return to see if you can still get Medi-Cal. Please call us or visit your county social services office to give us this information.
Spanish – Static Text	Usted no proporcionó la información que le solicitamos. Necesitamos que nos proporcione información sobre todos los miembros del hogar que viven en su hogar o que se incluyen en su declaración de impuestos para ver si aún puede obtener Medi-Cal. Por favor llámenos o visite la oficina de servicios sociales de su condado para proporcionarnos la información.

- C-IV verbiage for “Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information” reason.

Description	
English - Static Text	<Person> did not provide the information that we asked for. We need <Person> to provide information about all household members living in your home or included on <Person>'s tax return to see if <Person> can still get Medi-Cal. Please call us or visit <Person>'s county social services office to give us this information.
Spanish – Static Text	<Person> no proporcionó la información que le solicitamos. Necesitamos que <Person> nos proporcione información sobre todos los miembros del hogar que viven en su hogar o que se incluyen en la declaración de impuestos de <Person> para ver si <Person> aún puede obtener Medi-Cal. Por favor llámenos o visite la oficina de servicios sociales del condado de <Person> para proporcionarnos la información.

Note: In both the Systems, English fragment will have the formatting of Arial with Font size 10. Spanish and threshold will generate based on Project standards for that language.

### 2.9.3 Fragment Generation

1. Populate the ‘Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information’ reason fragment on the NOA when the following conditions are true:
  - a. Program is MAGI Medi-Cal
  - b. The person status reason is ‘FTP-Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information’

2. CalSAWS/LRS: Following are the action/message fragment details for the Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information NOA.

	MAGI Person Name Fragment	Action Fragment	Message Fragment
Denial	H_PERSON_NAME (4094)	H_DN_ACTION1 (4090)	H_DN_MESSAGE1 (5070)
Discontinuance	H_PERSON_NAME (4094)	H_TN_ACTION1 (4092)	H_TN_MESSAGE1 (5072)

3. **Ordering on the NOA:** This reason fragment will generate following the Action fragment.

#### 2.9.4 Variable Population (C-IV only)

1. Populate the variable for the “Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information” reason as follows.

Variable Name	Population
<Person>	Populate the name of the person (First and Last) who has the status reason of ‘Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information’ Example: “John Doe”

#### 2.9.5 Add Regulations for Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information

Add the following regulations to the NOA when the reason verbiage for “Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information” is populated on the NOA.

- **LRS/CalSAWS** MAGI Regulations: California Code Regulations, Title 22 § 50175, 50171, and 42 Code of Federal Regulations § 435.603
- **C-IV** MAGI Regulations: Title 22, CCR Section 50175; Title 22, CCR Section 50171; 42 CFR Section 435.603;

**Note:** As per the existing functionality, regulations are formatted differently in C-IV and LRS/CalSAWS.



## 2.10 Correspondence: California Residence NOA

### 2.10.1 Overview

This effort updates the trigger conditions for the California Residence NOA to generate if the EERC 'Individual is not a California Resident' (OS) is on the DER and the individual is discontinued or denied from MAGI Medi-Cal.

### 2.10.2 Description of Change

1. Update the rule to populate the California Residence reason fragment when the person is denied or discontinued with the EERC 'OS' along with EERC 'RF'.

If an individual is denied or discontinued from MAGI Medi-Cal for both EERC codes 'Residency – Admin Verification Failed' (RF) and 'Individual not a California Resident' (OS), the California Residence reason verbiage will only be populated once on the NOA although both the reasons are present on the MAGI determination. In other words, the California Residence reason verbiage will not be duplicated on the NOA.

Rule	Fragment Name	Verbiage
_700MAGIResidencyEligEvalReason	RSN_MAGI_RESIDENCE_REASON	Our information shows VARIABLE is not a resident of California.

**Table 2.11.2.1 C-IV Rule to update**

Rule	Fragment Name	Verbiage
_700MagiEvalReasonsDenials	H_DN_NOT_CA_RESIDENT_H101 NOA ID: 7034	Our information shows you are not a resident of California.
_700MagiEvalReasonTermination	H_TN_NOT_CA_RESIDENT_H101 NOA ID: 7052	Our information shows you are not a resident of California.

**Table 2.11.2.1 LRS/CalSAWS Rule to update**

2. **LRS/CalSAWS):** As the fragments H\_DN\_NOT\_CA\_RESIDENT\_H101 and H\_TN\_NOT\_CA\_RESIDENT\_H101 have the same verbiage, merge these fragments into a single fragment.

## 2.11 Data Change

### 2.11.1 Overview

Perform a one-time data change for individuals with "Expected Filing Status" of 'Married Filing Jointly' and relationship of spouse (in the Relationship Detail page) to create the "Tax Filing Status Association" with each other. Create a Journal entry for the cases processed successfully in the one-time process.

### 2.11.2 Description of Change

1. Initiate a one-time Data Change Request (DCR) to populate the "Tax Filing Status Association" value with the tax filer's spouse when all are true:
  - a. The tax filer has an "Expected Filing Status" of 'Married Filing Jointly' for the tax filing year.
  - b. The tax filer has only one relationship of 'Spouse' on the Relationship Detail page effective on the last day of the calendar year that matches the tax filing year.  
**Note:** "Marital Status" on the Individual Demographics Detail page is not considered when determining spouses.
  - c. The spouse identified in b. has "Expected Filing Status" of 'Married Filing Jointly' for the same tax filing year.
  - d. The spouse identified in b. does not have a relationship of 'Spouse' to any other individual on the Relationship Detail page effective on the last day of the calendar year that matches the tax filing year.

Populate the "Tax Filing Status Association" for every applicable Tax Household record in The Systems. This means, all Tax Household records for any tax filing years for all tax filers that meet the above criteria.

2. Create a Journal entry for the cases with an active Medi-Cal program processed successfully in the one-time process due to Recommendation 2.12.2.1  
The Journal Entry will be displayed as follows on Journal Detail page:

**Journal Category:** All

**Journal Type:** Activity

**Short Description:** Tax Household Detail Record Update

**Long Description:** The system updated the "Tax Filing Status Association" field for at least one Tax Household Detail record on this case for spouses who both file 'Married Filing Jointly'.

Note: There will be one journal entry per case.

3. After the data change is complete, generate a one-time list of active Medi-Cal programs with the "Tax Filing Status Association" missing. See Outreach section.

### 2.11.3 Estimated Number of Records Impacted/Performance

C-IV: approximately 691,000 records impacted

LRS/CalSAWS: approximately 625,000 records impacted

The data change is not expected to execute for a significant amount of time.

## 3 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Number	Functional Area	Description	Attachment
1.	Client Correspondence	LRS/CalSAWS: MFJ Spouse Info - Failure to Complete Determination NOA	LRS - MFJ Spouse Info Denial NOA.pdf
2.	Client Correspondence	LRS/CalSAWS: MFJ Spouse Info - Failure to Complete Redetermination NOA	LRS - MFJ Spouse Info Termination NOA.pdf
3.	Client Correspondence	C-IV: MFJ Spouse Info - Failure to Complete Determination NOA	CIV - MFJ Spouse Info Denial NOA.pdf

## 4 REQUIREMENTS

### 4.1 Project Requirements

REQ #	REQUIREMENT TEXT	How Requirement Met
2.5.2.1	The LRS shall require the collection of those LRS Data elements needed in order to determine eligibility and calculate benefits for public assistance programs.	New dropdown "Tax Filing Status Association" will enhance collection of Tax Household data. It will allow COUNTY-specified Users to modify and/or add Data that may impact the ongoing eligibility for MAGI Medi-Cal or Covered California programs.
2.8.1.7	The LRS shall determine when an individual is eligible for Medi-Cal coverage and shall ensure that all required information is collected, eligibility is determined, and share of cost is computed.	LRS/CalSAWS will track the non-compliance reason "Married Filing Jointly Spouse Information" to generate additional language on the MAGI Medi-Cal Denial or Discontinuance NOA.
3.5.2.1	The LRS shall enable the sharing of information across multiple agencies.	LRS/CalSAWS will communicate "Tax Filing Status Association" and out-of-country indicator fields via eHIT.

## 5 OUTREACH

### 5.1 Lists

1. Generate a one-time list of active Medi-Cal programs with at least one Medi-Cal program person active on a MAGI Medi-Cal aid code where the interpreted tax record for the come-up month has at least one individual with "Expected Filing Status" 'Married Filing Jointly', but the "Tax Filing Status Association" was not populated from the one-time data change. Include a column with known reason the "Tax Filing Status Association" was not populated from the one-time data change.

**List Name:** Missing Married Filing Jointly Tax Filing Status Association

**List Criteria:** Cases with active Medi-Cal programs with at least one Medi-Cal program person active on a MAGI Medi-Cal aid code where the interpreted tax record for the come-up month has at least one individual with "Expected Filing Status" 'Married Filing Jointly' and the "Tax Filing Status Association" was not updated from the one-time data change. Include an additional 'Reason' column with known reasons the "Tax Filing Status Association" was not populated from the one-time data change.

**Standard Columns:**

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

**Additional Column(s):**

- Reason: display the following known reasons. The 'Reason' may be blank if it does not meet the known reasons criteria, but meets the list criteria. There can be multiple known reasons if applicable.
  - Relationship not Spouse: Relationship is not 'Spouse' of the two individuals with Expected Filing Status "Married Filing Jointly" for the tax year
  - Only one MFJ: Only one individual claiming "Married Filing Jointly" in the tax year.
  - More than two MFJ: More than two individuals claiming, "Married Filing Jointly" in the tax year.

**Frequency:** One-time

**County Action:** Review why the "Tax filing Status Association" was not populated and take appropriate action to get the Tax Filing Status Association and update the case record.

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# 1 OVERVIEW

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The ACL 13-111 describes the changes in the rule's logic for vehicle's treatment in the CalWORKs and related programs. The ACL mandates updates to the evaluation treatment when determining the CW EDCB with applicants with unregistered vehicles. The changes are intended to reduce the workload on the CWD worker. When processing the CW EDCB the system's logic treats registered vehicles differently comparing to unregistered vehicles. The exclusion limit's logic should be the same for both registered and unregistered vehicles, the first \$25,000 (as of 06/01/2020) is disregarded, and any equity value that exceeds the \$25,000 (as of 06/01/2020) is attributable toward the Assistance Unit's maximum resource limit.

## 1.1 Current Design

The system determines the license status based on "Registered" field for CW/CF, the same field is used for other programs others than CW. When a CW EDCB is run for a participant who has an unregistered motor-vehicle valued at more than the equity exclusion limit (\$25,000) and a Non-Acquisition type has not been selected, the full equity value (FMV – encumbrances) will be applied to the AU which is causing the EDCB to fail. The unregistered vehicles are being disregarded from the EDCB process only when a Non-Purchase Acquisition type is selected.

If the same participant has a registered motor-vehicle, the amount used is the greater of excess value (FMV – \$25,000- Equity Exclusion disregards) or equity value (FMV – encumbrances) which will be counted towards the AU and EDCB passes.

## 1.2 Requests

1. Apply the \$25,000 Motor Vehicle Equity Value Exclusion Limit to unregistered motor vehicles which a *Non-Purchase Acquisition* type has not been selected.
2. Update CW motor vehicle Excess of Equity value logic to include encumbrances.
3. Remove the comparison between the excess value and equity value when calculating the countable value for both registered and unregistered motor - vehicle.



### 1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update the EDBC logic for CW, RCA, DV, IN, KG programs to set the countable amount for unregistered vehicles to the Excess of Equity value.
2. Update EDBC logic for CW, RCA, DV, IN, KG programs to the Excess of Equity value calculation to account for the equity (including encumbrances).
3. Update the calculation for countable value to remove the comparison between Excess value and Equity value
4. Generate a list of all CW, RCA, DV, IN, KG programs cases that were denied, discontinued or ineligible for 'Over Resources' due to unregistered motor vehicles that did not qualify for exclusion limit 12 months prior to the release date of this SCR.

### 1.4 Assumptions

1. N/A

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

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### 2.1 Update the CW, RCA, DV, IN, KG EDBC Logic for Unregistered Vehicles to be Treated With the Same Logic as Registered Vehicles

#### 2.1.1 Overview

Per ACL 13-1311, SB 98 clarified that the changes in statute apply to all motor vehicles, both licensed and unlicensed. The same CW EDBC logic that is used to treat registered vehicle will also be used to unregistered motor-vehicles.

#### 2.1.2 Description of Changes

1. Update CW, RCA, DV, IN, KG EDBC logic to treat the unregistered vehicles the same as registered vehicles in determining the Excess Value of the vehicle. This sets the countable amount for unregistered vehicles to the excess of equity value.

#### 2.1.3 Programs Impacted

1. CW, RCA, DV, IN, KG

### 2.2 Update CW, RCA, DV, IN, KG EDBC Logic for the Excess of Equity To Account for Encumbrances.

#### 2.2.1 Overview

The existing logic to calculate the motor vehicle excess value does not include any encumbrances. The encumbrance is present in the equity value calculation logic (Equity Value = FMV- Encumbrances (if any)). For the Excess value, the EDBC logic is only counting the FMV subtracting the disregards (vehicle exemption amount).

#### 2.2.2 Description of Changes

1. Update CW EDBC logic to use the following formula for the Excess value:
  - i. Excess value = Equity Value – Motor Vehicle Disregards (\$25000 as of 06/01/2020)

#### Examples #1 ( ACL 13-111)

An AU self-certifies that they own a non-exempt motor vehicle with a FMV of \$3,500. The AU still owes \$1,450 on the vehicle (the encumbrance), resulting in a total equity value of \$2,050 for this vehicle. Since the total equity value is less than \$25,000, the value is excluded from resource consideration, and the equity of the vehicle will not be counted as a resource toward the AU's maximum resource limit. The equity (FMV -encumbrance) is less than \$25,000.

\$3,500	FMV of the motor vehicle
<u>- \$1,450</u>	Less Encumbrances
= \$2,050	Total Equity Value
\$ 0	Amount Counted Toward Resource Limit

**Examples #2 ( ACL 13-111)**

The applicant or recipient owns a non-exempt vehicle with an equity value that exceeds \$25,000. The AU self-certifies that the FMV is \$29,500, and they owe \$3,000. After subtracting the amount owed on the vehicle from the FMV, the CWD determines the equity value of the motor vehicle is \$26,500. In this case, the equity value of the vehicle exceeds the \$25,000 limit by \$1,500. The \$1,500 is counted toward the AU's maximum resource limit. If the AU's total assets, including the \$1,500, fall below the \$10,000 (or \$15,000 for families with aged/disabled household members) maximum resource limit (effective June 1, 2020), the AU is resource-eligible:

\$29,500	FMV of the motor vehicle
<u>- \$ 3,000</u>	Less Encumbrances
\$26,500	Total Equity Value
<u>- \$ 25,000</u>	Disregard
= \$ 1,500	Amount Counted Toward Resource Limit

## **2.3 Update The Calculation for Countable Value for Registered and Unregistered Motor Vehicle to Remove the Comparison Between Excess Value and Equity Value**

### **2.3.1 Overview**

1. The existing logic to calculate the countable value for registered motor-vehicle is selecting the greater between the excess value and the equity value.
2. The existing logic to calculate the countable value for unregistered motor-vehicles is selecting the equity value.

### **2.3.2 Description of Changes**

1. Update the logic for the countable value for both registered and unregistered motor vehicle to use the excess value logic when the determining the amount to be counted against the vehicle and asset limit.

Note: This makes the rules that specifically calls out for the excess value to be applicable to motor-vehicles for all eligible adults of 18 years of age and older. This logic obsoletes the logic that sets the highest excess value that has the countable amount set to the excess value for each eligible adult.

## 2.4 Automated Regression Test

### 2.4.1 Overview

Update existing automated regression test scripts to account for the new EDBC logic. Create new automated regression test scripts to verify the motor vehicle calculations for the CW, RCA, DV, IN, KG programs.

### 2.4.2 Description of Changes

1. Update the existing CW – Property Limits script to have both a registered and a non-registered vehicle. Run EDBC and verify that both vehicles are treated equally when accounting for the vehicle disregard and encumbrances.
2. Create new scripts to create cases with each of the following programs, and both registered and non-registered vehicles. Run EDBC and verify that both vehicles are treated equally when account for the vehicle disregard and encumbrances.
  - a. Diversion
  - b. Homeless - Perm (CalSAWS only)
  - c. Homeless - Temp (CalSAWS only)
  - d. Immediate Need
  - e. Kin-GAP
  - f. RCA

### 3 REQUIREMENTS

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#### 3.1 Project Requirements

REQ #	REQUIREMENT TEXT	How Requirement Met
2.8.2.11	The LRS shall treat income and resources based on program-specific rules.	Updating the Business Rule's logic to count the excess of the equity for the unregistered motor vehicle

## 4 OUTREACH

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### 4.1 Lists

This list includes all the CW cases that were denied, discontinued or ineligible due to over resources (Unregistered Motor Vehicle) with more than \$25,000 in equity value. The same cases would have passed the CW, RCA, DV, IN, KG programs if the \$25,000 exclusion limit rule was in place.

**List Name:** CW Cases Over Resources Due to Unregistered Motor Vehicle

**List Criteria:**

Generate a list of All CW cases that were denied, discontinued or ineligible for benefit month on or after 12 months prior to the release date of this SCR due to 'Over Resources' due to unregistered motor vehicles that did not qualify for exclusion limit.

1. The Program was Denied, Discontinued or ineligible
2. The EDBC run date is set to on or after 12 Months prior to the implementation of this SCR.
3. The programs impacted are CW, RCA, DV, IN, KG
4. The EDBC type is regular
5. The Property category is motor vehicle
6. The motor vehicle is not registered
7. The EDBC has been accepted and Saved
8. The Budget type is Regular or Prorated
9. The Property Benefit limit is less than or equal to benefit property amount minus the \$25,000(Vehicle exclusion limit) multiplied by the number of unregistered vehicles

**Standard Columns:**

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

**Frequency:** One-time

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