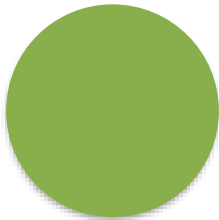




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December 2020

Policy Update

Funding for Emergency Caregivers

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<p>7/1/2018</p> <p>ACL 18-75</p> <p>CFL 18-19/81</p> <p>ACL 19-84</p> <p>ACWDL 19-22</p>	<p>SCR CIV-102912; CA-205913 Approved Release 21.03</p> <p>SCR CIV-102757; CA-205633 Approved Release 21.03</p> <p>SCR CIV-106585; CA-214133 Implemented Release 20.03 Priority</p>	<p>PPM #48555 BENDS (workaround) issued 8/18</p> <p>PPM #50565 Implemented R59 (11/19)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ACL 19-84, introduced a change to TANF Emergency Assistance (EA) funding, which only allows TANF EA cases to use EA funding for up 6 months. This is different from the emergency caregiver population, which can use the EA funding for up to 12 months if good causes exists.</p> <p>-Continued on Next Slide-</p>

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Housing Supplement to the THP-NMD Program

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<p>7/1/2021- CalWIN Counties</p> <p>9/1/2022 - for CalSAWS Counties</p> <p>ACL 20-121</p>	<p>SCR CA-218584 New Release 22.07</p>	<p>PPM #56780 Design Targeting R65 (5/21)</p>	<p>AB 79 which, in part, establishes a Housing Supplement for THP-NMD placements. The THPNMD rate paid to providers on behalf of NMDs placed in their programs will be supplemented in eligible counties.</p> <p>The THP-NMD Housing Supplement will be calculated annually by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and implemented on a phased-in basis across the state, beginning July 1, 2021, in CalWORKs Information Network (CalWIN) counties, and fully implemented by September 1, 2022 in remaining California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) counties, contingent upon completion of the necessary automation changes.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update: This SCR is awaiting design to begin.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCR CA-218584.</p> <p>-Continued on next slide-</p>

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CalWORKs Revised Time on Aid Notice of Actions

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6/20/2018 ACL 18-43	SCRs CA-204115 New Release TBD	PPM #50566 Implemented R59 (11/19)	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <p>Because some changes have been made to the above notices, CDSS is working on an errata to ACL 18-43. Publish date is TBD.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update: Both SCR's are SPG approved awaiting design to begin. Until the updated NOAs are implemented, counties can use the versions on the CDSS website.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Reject the system generated notice of action (NOA) and manually complete and send the appropriate NOA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on Next Slide-</p>

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6/20/2018 ACL 18-43	SCRs 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.

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CalWORKs Stage One Child Care Continuous Eligibility

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<p>10/1/2019</p> <p>ACL 19-99</p> <p>ACL 19-110</p>	<p>SCRs CIV-104597; CA-209488 Implemented Release 20.01</p> <p>SCRs CIV-105835; CA-209408 Build Release 20.11</p> <p>SCRs CIV-105397; CA-211332 Build Release 21.01</p>	<p>PPM #53599 Implemented R63 (11/20)</p> <p>PPM #54664 Implemented R63 (11/20)</p> <p>PPM #53997 Design Targeting R65 (5/21)</p> <p>PPM #53925 Implemented R63 (11/20)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an online portal that contains current individual family data needed by Stage 2 and Stage 3 child care providers. • Create a monthly report for Stage 2 providers <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Inform staff about the child care provider online portal and report.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Continued on Next Slide-</p>

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Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

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ACL 19-93 ABAWD Handbook 2.0 ACL 20-18	<p>SCRs CIV-106058;CA-212648 Rejected</p> <p>SCRs CIV-106060;CA-212650 Implemented Release 20.02</p> <p>SCR CA-207637 Phase III Design Release 21.05</p> <p>SCRs CIV-106686;CA-214411 Implemented 20.03 Priority Release on 4/9/20</p>	<p>PPM #46539 Implemented 8/2018</p> <p>PPM #47411 Implemented 8/2018</p> <p>PPM #51360 Implemented 8/19</p> <p>PPM #52397 Implemented R60 (2/20)</p> <p>PPM #54056 Implemented March 2020</p> <p>PPM #54055 Implemented February 2020</p> <p>PPM #54084 Implemented March 2020</p>	<p>Food Nutrition Services (FNS) approved California's statewide ABAWD time limit waiver request beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.</p> <p>Currently the State is under a national suspension of the time limit which will be in place until one month after the federal public health emergency declaration is lifted. The emergency declaration was recently extended and will be in place for at least another 90 days. After the suspension is lifted, the ABAWD time limit will continue to be waived statewide until June 30, 2021.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CalSAWS informed CDSS that the ABAWD Phase III functionality will only be implemented in LRS/CalSAWS. • Finalizing the Phase III design. <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCR CA-207637</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on Next Slide-</p>

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CalFresh Revised Excess Medical Deduction form CF 31

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV/LRS Status	CalWIN Status	Implementation Details
<p>6/1/2019</p> <p>ACL 18-141</p>	<p>SCRs; CA-206080</p> <p>New Release 22.01</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update: This SCR is SPG approved awaiting design to begin.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCR CA-206080.</p> <p>CalWIN Update: CF 31 not available in CalWIN, no impact.</p> <p>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.</p>

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CalFresh Churn Report – CF 18

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<p>10/18/2019</p> <p>ACL 18-117</p> <p>ACL 18-117E</p>	<p>SCRs CIV-100878; CA-201836</p> <p>Build</p> <p>Release 21.01</p>	<p>PPM #53729</p> <p>Implemented</p> <p>R62 (8/20)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Currently, CDSS receives data regarding CalFresh caseload churn from SAWS through a SAWS Internal Request for Research Analysis (SIRFRA), #3101.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</p> <p>Train applicable staff to review and submit the CF 18 report to CDSS based on county business process.</p>

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Social Security Admin (SSA) Cost of Living

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<p>1/1/2021</p> <p>ACIN I-73-20</p> <p>ACWDL 20-20</p>	<p>SCRs CIV-107920/CA-219535 Test Release 20.11</p> <p>SCRs CIV-107919/CA-219531 Approved Release 20.11</p>	<p>PPM #56409 Target December 2020</p> <p>PPM #56408 Target December 2020</p>	<p>Social Security Administration has approved a 1.3 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2021.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create new SSA income records effective 1/1/2021 for active individuals receiving SSA income.• Add the 2021 Medi-Cal Pickle values to the systems• Add the 2021 SSI/SSP payment standards to the systems• Add the 2021 Medicare Part B premium amount to the systems• Run batch EDBC to apply the above values to the impacted programs. <p>Note: The tentative run date for the batch EDBC process is 12/12/2020.</p> <p>The SSA COLA batch memorandum meeting with the counties will occur sometime in November.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC</p> <p>-Continued on next slide-</p>

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Income Limit Increase for Aged and Disabled Program

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<p>8/1/2020</p> <p>SB 104</p> <p>ACWDL 20-02</p> <p>ACWBL 20-02E</p>	<p>SCRs CIV-105339; CA-211216</p> <p>Tested Release 20.11</p>	<p>PPM #54617</p> <p>Implemented R63 (11/20)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Run batch EDDB for the December 2020 and January 2021 benefit month to transition the population who are in Aged Blind Disabled Medically Needy (ABD/MN) SOC due to being over A&D FPL 100% up to and including 138%. The batch EDDB process was run on 11/24/2020.• Job aid updates <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</p> <p>Train staff on the policy change and inform them of the changes to the systems.</p>

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Medi-Cal Post Partum Eligibility Expansion

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<p>8/1/2020</p> <p>ACWDL 20-14</p>	<p>SCR - CA-212145</p> <p>New TBD</p>	<p>PPM #53594</p> <p>Cancelled</p>	<p>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. This is a time limited program. DHCS established a workgroup to discuss implementation. Workgroup participants include, counties, SAWS and CWDA.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update: Because the case load impacted by the program is anticipated to be small and the policy is time limited. The MC Committee agreed this policy can be managed in SAWS using an interim process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIT 0168-20 with an interim process was published on 8/26/20 • Add the MC 61 (Mental Health) and Post Partum Care Extension (PPCE) Flyer to the template repository <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train staff on the policy change and inform them of the CIT -168-20.</p> <p>CalWIN Update: CalWIN participating in State policy discussions with DHCS and County representatives. Proposal cancelled based on State workgroup determination no SAWS impact.</p> <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: State workgroup has determined no SAWS impact, will be County business processes.</p>