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To:	PPOC.40; Committee.CalWORKs_CalFresh.All; Consortium.RegionalManagers.All
CIT Name:	Update on CalFresh 2021 SSI COLA
From:	CalSAWS Project

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Description:	<p>Purpose</p> <p>The purpose of this CIT is to notify Los Angeles and C-IV Counties that CDSS has informed Counties/CalSAWS that they will <u>not</u> be moving forward with the automated implementation of the CalFresh 2021 SSI COLA.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>SSI income recorded on the Other Program Assistance Detail page is not automatically updated when the SSA cost of living adjustment (Social Security Administration COLA) changes are applied to the Systems. However, per ACIN L-88-20, information about SSI/SSP monthly payment amounts, which reflect the SSA COLA, is considered verified upon receipt and must be used to adjust CalFresh household budgets. Due to varying impacts of the SSA COLA on the SSI/SSP monthly payment amount and the number of SSI/SSP recipients receiving a non-standard SSI/SSP monthly payment amount, Counties cannot accurately apply a percentage-based COLA based on existing SSI/SSP payment information available in the Systems. Instead, Counties take action on the SDX information which includes the actual post-COLA SSI/SSP monthly payment amount as reported by SSA.</p> <p>Additional Information</p>
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	<p>Recently identified restrictions regarding the use of SSA data in a test environment limited the state's ability to adequately test automated implementation of the CalFresh SSI COLA. As such, the potential production issues could not be identified and resolved. CalSAWS received direction from CDSS on December 28, 2020 to <u>not</u> move forward with the automated implementation of the CalFresh 2021 SSI COLA. Consequently, the Project will not be implementing SCRs CA-219543/CIV-108152 (Updates for the CalFresh SSA COLA effective 03/2021) and CA-222221/CIV-108345 (Run Batch EDBC for CalFresh SSA COLA effective 03/2021).</p> <p>County Action</p> <p>Per direction received from CDSS, at each impacted CalFresh household's <u>next semi-annual report or recertification (whichever comes first)</u>, Workers must continue to follow their existing county processes to validate the information in MEDS, update the SSI or SSI/SSP payment amount, and journal the action taken. This new SSI payment amount will be used to determine ongoing CalFresh eligibility. Workers will <u>not</u> need to correct the SSI payment amount retrospectively.</p> <p>As the SSI information is not readily available to Counties, there will be no QC finding if the SSI payment amount is updated at the CalFresh household's next periodic report or recertification.</p> <p>CDSS will update ACIN I-88-20 accordingly.</p>
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