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CIT Name:	**CA-219535/CIV-107920 - 2021 SSA COLA Data Changes Posted Lists**
From:	CalSAWS Project

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Description:	**Purpose**
	The purpose of this CIT is to notify Los Angeles and C-IV counties that lists for CA-219535/CIV-107920 2021 Social Security Title II and Title XVI Cost of Living Adjustments (SSA COLA) have been posted to the CalSAWS Web Portal.
	Background
	Per ACIN No. I-73-20, the Social Security Administration (SSA) increased to 1.3 percent for 2021.
	Per ACWDL No. 20-20, the monthly Medicare Part B Supplemental Medical Insurance Base premium increased to $148.50. The information for the Effective SSI/SSP Cash Grant Levels for Determining Pickle Eligibility from January 1, through December 31, 2021, and the 2021 Pickle Disregard Computation Chart were provided.
	CA-219535/CIV-107920 2021 Social Security Title II and Title XVI Cost of Living Adjustments (SSA COLA) was implemented on December 4, 2020 to:
	1. Apply a data change to add the new SSA income and SSI income amount effective 01/01/2021 for a person receiving SSA and/or SSI income in continuing EDBC-based programs.

2. Update the value of the 'Backout Multiplier' to match the rate increase. The 2021 SSA COLA published SSA income increase rate is 1.3%.
3. Update the Systems Pickle values to match the 'Pickle Disregard Computation Chart' effective 01/01/2021.
4. Update the Systems to match the new SSI/SSP payment standards.
5. Update Medicare Part B Premium amounts, stored in the Systems for these customers, to $148.50 to address the increase.
6. Create a Journal entry to document the data changes for SSA Income and Medicare Part B Premium amounts.
7. Generate lists for the counties after the data change is run.

County Action
The following one-time lists related to CA-219535/CIV-107920 have been posted to the CalSAWS Web portal for County follow-up:
1. Cases with SSA Income not updated
2. Non-Automated EDBC Program Types with updates
3. Cases with Medicare not updated
4. Cases with Person not receiving RSDI COLA

The lists are available to counties at the following location:

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Counties must review the lists and follow the County Action as appropriate:

1. **List Name: Individuals whose SSA Income was not updated**
   List Criteria: List includes an individual that meets the following criteria:
   a. Program and Program Person Status is Active, Pending or Ineligible on at least one of the identified EDBC-based programs* on or after 01/01/2021
      * EDBC-based programs: AAP, CAPI, CF, CW, Diversion, FC, IN, KG, MC, RCA, GA/GR, ARC, TCF
   b. Is a non-hidden and non-duplicate person
      Note: If an individual is hidden on one case but non-hidden on another case, they will be considered on the list criteria as well
   c. Does not have a "UP" Role
   d. Has an SSA income detail record that was not changed by the 2021 SSA COLA data change
      i. The income category is Social Security
      ii. The income amount detail has a begin date on or after 01/01/2021 but before 01/01/2020
      iii. The income amount detail has no end date (high-dated) or is end dated on or after 01/01/2021
      iv. The "Reported Amount" is not $0 or "Unreported Amount" or "Income Adjustment" amount have non-zero values.
      v. The income amount detail is not updated by staff_id*

Note: This list will not bring back records where the "Reported Amount" is $0 and "Income Adjustment" or "Unreported Amount" is blank based on County feedback from 2020 SSA COLA.

Additional Columns:
- Begins on or after 01/01/2021
- Begins before 01/01/2020
- SSA End Dated
- Adjusted Amount > $0
- Unreported Amount > $0
- Program Type
- CIN#
- Person Name (Note: Person Name Format is <First Name Last Name>)
- DOB

County Action: Counties can use this list to verify that SSA income amounts are correct and take action if needed.

2. <u>C-IV only</u>: **List Name: Non-Automated EDBC Program Types with updates**
   List Criteria: Cases where both the following conditions are true:
   a. The data change has been applied by Recommendation 2.1.
   b. Case contains at least one program, that is not run by batch: AAP, CAPI, General Assistance, ARC.

   Additional Columns:
   - Program Type
   - Reported Amount
   - Inheritance
   - Person Name

   Note: Person Name Format is <First Name Last Name>

   County Action: Counties can review cases and run EDBC to apply updated SSA Income amounts.

3. **List Name: Individuals whose Medicare was not updated**

   List Criteria: List includes an individual that meets the following criteria:

   a. Program and Program Person Status is Active, Pending or Ineligible on at least one of the identified EDBC-based programs* on or after 01/01/2021
      * EDBC-based programs: MC, CF, TCF
   b. Is a non-hidden and non-duplicate person
      Note: If an individual is hidden on one case but non-hidden on another case, they need to be considered on the list
   c. Does not have a "UP" Role
   d. Has Medicare Part B Premium record that was not changed by the 2021 SSA COLA data change
      i. The Medicare Part B Premium record has no end date (high-dated) or is end dated on or after 01/01/2021
      ii. The Medicare Part B Premium record has a begin date on or after 01/01/2021 but before 01/01/2020
      iii. The individual had more than one high-dated Medicare Part B premium record.
      iv. The Medicare Part B Premium record is not updated by staff_id*

| | **Additional Columns:**
   • Part B Medicare Amount
   • Begins on or after 01/01/2021
   • Begins before 01/01/2020
   • Medicare End Dated
   • Duplicate Medicare
   • Program Type
   • CIN#
   • Person Name
     Note: Person Name Format is <First Name Last Name>
   • DOB
County Action: Counties can use this list to verify that Medicare Premium Amounts are correct and take action if needed.

4. **List Name: Individuals who did not receive RSDI COLA**
List Criteria: List includes an active non-hidden and non-duplicate individual on a an active Medi-Cal program in January 2021 or later where there is an SSA income record and where the questions answered are as below:
  a. Since April 1977, has this person received or has been entitled to receive both RSDI and SSI/SSP in the same month? is "Yes"
  b. Has this person been discontinued from SSI/SSP? is "Yes"
  c. Has this person received a RSDI COLA increase in any month since SSI/SSP was discontinued? is "No".
Additional Columns:
   • CIN#
   • Person Name
     Note: Person Name Format is <First Name Last Name>
   • DOB
County Action: Counties can review this list to ensure that the answer to the question "Has this person received a RSDI COLA increase in any month since SSI/SSP was discontinued?" is correct and make any updates if needed. |
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