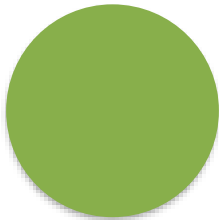




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Policy Update

Funding for Emergency Caregivers

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7/1/2018 ACL 18-75 CFL 18-19/81 ACL 19-84 ACWDL 19-22	SCR CIV-102912; CA-205913 Approved Release 22.01 SCR CIV-102757; CA-205633 Approved Release 22.01 SCR CIV-106585; CA-214133 Implemented Release 20.03 Priority	PPM #48555 BENDS (workaround) issued 8/18 PPM #50565 Implemented R59 (11/19)	<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>

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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</p> <p>New</p> <p>Release 22.07</p>	<p>PPM #56780</p> <p>Design</p> <p>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 EID and IRT Updates

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	C-IV/LRS Status	CalWIN Status	Implementation Details
6/1/2021 ACL 19-76	SCRs C-IV-106461; CA-212912 Test Release 21.03	PPM #58109 Design TBD PPM #58018 Design May 2021 off-cycle	<p>Per ACL 19-76 the CalWORKs disability-based earned and unearned income disregards (EID) thresholds increase to \$550 effective June 1, 2021.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CalWORKs (CW) Disability Based Earned Income Disregard from \$500 to \$550 effective June 1, 2021.• CW Disability Based Unearned Income Disregard from \$500 to \$550, effective June 1, 2021.• Forms will be updated to replace Disability-Based Unearned Income (DBI) or Earned Income Disregard (EID) references from \$500 to \$550.• NOAs to reflect the new values as per policy. <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train staff on the change to the disregard and IRT values.</p> <p>CalWIN Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update Earned Income Disregard effective 6/1/21 to \$550• Revise and update CWs notices with new disregard <p>PPM #58018 updates the EID to \$550, PPM #58109 addresses the notices and forms to be updated with new disregard and IRT values, on a flow basis.</p> <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: New Earned Income Disregard values available for training staff.</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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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</p> <p>SCRs CIV-105835; CA-209408 Implemented</p> <p>SCRs CIV-105397; CA-211332 Implemented</p>	<p>PPM #53599 Implemented R63 (11/20)</p> <p>PPM #54664 Implemented R63 (11/20)</p> <p>PPM #55737 Testing 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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CalWORKs Increased Child Support Pass-Through (AB 79)

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1/1/2022 ACL 20-115	SCR CA-217945 Design Release 21.11	PPM #56668 Target R67 (November 2021)	<p>AB 79 increases the child support pass-through and disregard from up to the first \$50 of the child support collected in a month to up to \$100 for a family with one child and up to \$200 for a family with 2 or more children living in the home. These payments are then disregarded when determining CalWORKs eligibility and/or grant amounts.</p> <p>The increased child support pass-throughs/disregards is effective January 1, 2022.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update: This SCR awaiting design to begin.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCR CA-217945.</p> <p>CalWIN Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add new logic to identify number of children in the home.• CalWIN/ CSE Interface file layout update with new indicator needed.• Add two new required forms – TEMP CW 2225 (10/20) and CW 2215 (10/20) <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: Pending design completion.</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</p> <p>SCR CA-207637 Phase III Build Release 21.05</p> <p>SCRs CIV-106686;CA-214411 Implemented</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

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6/1/2019 ACL 18-141	SCRs; CA-206080 New Release 22.01	N/A	<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 ESAP Elimination of Periodic Reporting (SAR7)

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3/1/2022 ACL 20-145	SCR CA-220040 Design Release 22.01	PPM #57151 Design Target R68 (February 2022)	<p>CDSS has been authorized by FNS to extend California's Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) for the period beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2026. The ESAP approval eliminates the periodic reporting requirement for ESAP households.</p> <p>The current anticipated completion date for automation is January 1, 2022 with an anticipated policy effective date of March 1, 2022.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update: This SCR awaiting design to begin.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCR CA-220040.</p> <p>CalWIN Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminate sending SAR 7 if ESAP household.• Issue SAR 7 if household become ineligible during 36-month certification period• Update three ESAP specific forms• Issue a SAR 2 (IRT) to ESAP households at specific timeframes <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: Pending design completion</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>

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MAGI, Non-MAGI, Mixed Medi-Cal Prepopulated Renewal Packets

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ACWDL -20-21 MEDIL I-20-39	SCR - CA-216432 Approved by Committee Release 21.07	PPM #57833 Design Target R66 (8/21) PPM #57742 Design Target R66 (8/21)	<p>Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 435.916 and W&IC Section 14005.37 require that Medi-Cal annual renewal forms be prepopulated, therefore DHCS redesigned, improved formatting, and readability with a focus on human-centered design that encourages beneficiaries to send in their renewal forms timely and increase overall annual renewal compliance.</p> <p>The prepopulated annual renewal forms are for beneficiaries who do not have their Medi-Cal automatically renewed during the ex parte review, which is required for both MAGI and Non-MAGI Medi-Cal beneficiaries before any renewal form is sent</p> <p>The following forms were modified: MC 216 MC 217 MC 210</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued next slide-</p>

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