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Description: (Including any step-by-step instructions)

Purpose (C-IV and Los Angeles County)

The purpose of this CIT is to inform all C-IV Counties and Los Angeles County of Governor Newsome's Immediate Action Agreement for Relief to Californians Experiencing Pandemic Hardship.

Background

California Department of Social Services (CDSS) issued <u>ACL 21-23 – Treatment of The Golden State Grant programs in CalWORKs</u>. The grant provides direct relief to lower-income Californians through a \$600 one-time grant to households enrolled in the CalWORKs program and recipients of SSI/SSP and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI). SAWS will issue the grant payments for CalWORKs households from the C-IV and LRS/CalSAWS systems. SSI/SSP and CAPI grants **will not** be issued by the SAWS systems. Guidance for those recipients will be issued under a separate state letter.

Additional Information

SCRs **CA - 225358 / C-IV 108638** Golden State Grant Program is scheduled to be released Saturday, March 27, 2021. The SCRs will issue a one-time \$600 grant to all CalWORKs Assistance Units that are deemed eligible according to the legislative authority. The grant will be issued by a Data Change Request through the current Needs, Service Arrangement, Payment Request Process and received through their

current payment method (EBT, Direct Deposit, Warrant for LRS/CalSAWS and EBT and Warrant for C-IV). A journal entry will be created by the systems.

The GSG amounts will be added to the Time Limit Summary and Un-Reimbursed Assistance Pool (UAP) Detail pages. Placeholder **SCRs CA-226779/CIV-208815** ACL 21-23 Golden State Grant Program: Updates to Time Limit Aid Summary and UAP Pages has been created to auto-update the page to remove these payments. Workers may use their current business process to adjust the amounts on those pages if needed prior to the implementation of these SCRs.

Needs, Service Arrangement, and Payment Request Process

- Stimulus payments will not be distinguishable from regular CalWORKs Special Needs payments.
- As is the normal course of business for Service Arrangements:
 - o The System will not prevent users from using the Replace/Reissue functionality on the stimulus payments.
 - The System will not prevent users from taking EBT repayments using the stimulus payments to pay off a Recovery Account.
 - o The System will not prevent users from manually issuing a stimulus payment when it is no longer allowed.
 - o The System will not prevent users from establishing overpayments for the stimulus payments or the EBT vendor from expunging unused benefits.

County Action

A list will be provided to counties of CalWORKs cases that have received the grant. The lists will be available Wednesday 3/31/21 for LRS/CalSAWS, and Thursday 4/1/21 for C-IV. A separate CIT will be issued for instructions on processing the list.

CDSS will inform the CalWORKs customers they have received the Golden State Grant.

Claiming

CDSS will issue claiming details under a separate guidance.

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