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1 OVERVIEW

This document identifies required changes to CalSAWS and C-IV related to the vehicle limits for the CalWORKs (CW) and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) programs for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 effective July 1, 2021 as informed by the All County Letter (ACL) 21-38.

1.1 Current Design

The vehicle limits for CW/RCA were last updated for FFY 2020 in SCR CA-209360_CIV-104559 with the following values:

- The vehicle equity disregard increased to \$25,000(CT 335-AN CW Motor Vehicle Disregard for C-IV and CT 335-AO CW Motor Vehicle Disregard for CalSAWS).

1.2 Requests

Per ACL 21-38 effective July 1, 2021, the resource threshold will increase by an amount equal to the increase in the California Necessities Index for the most recent fiscal year (2021) to the following value:

- The vehicle equity disregard will be increased from \$25,000 to \$25,483.

1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update CW/RCA EDBC rules that apply vehicle property limit amounts for Motor Vehicle Disregard to perform calculations based on the new limit.
2. Regression test impacted NOAs and Forms that populate the CalWORKs Motor Vehicle Disregard.

1.4 Assumptions

1. Vehicle property limits will reflect the new values on impacted NOAs and Forms.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 CW/RCA EDBC: Motor Vehicle Disregard

2.1.1 Overview

Update CW/RCA EDBC rules that apply vehicle property limit amounts for Motor Vehicle Disregard to perform calculations based on the new limit effective July 1, 2021.

2.1.2 Description of Changes

1. Effective July 1, 2021, the disregard will be increased from \$25,000 to \$25,483 (CT 335-AN CW Motor Vehicle Disregard for C-IV and CT 335-AO CW Motor Vehicle Disregard for CalSAWS). Any amount in excess of the disregard will be counted against the AU's property limit.

2.1.3 Programs Impacted

CW
RCA

2.2 C-IV Only: Regression Test Impacted CalWORKs NOA Variable Population

2.2.1 Overview

CW NOAs populate with the motor vehicle disregard for the program in C-IV.

2.2.2 Description of Changes

The following NOA Fragment in C-IV populates the vehicle disregard for CalWORKs. This Fragment needs to be regression tested to confirm that it populates with the newest motor vehicle disregard value.

C-IV NOA Fragment:

ID	Fragment Name	Fragment Text	Languages
167	MSG_PROPERTY_FAILURE	<p>The exclusion limit for nonexempt motor vehicles is <LIMIT>. The fair market value of each vehicle over the limit is countable property. Your countable total is figured on this page.</p> <p>When you do not agree with the value the County put on your car or other property, the County will accept evidence (facts) that the value is lower. If you can prove a lower value, you may still get benefits. Ask the County how.</p>	EN, AE, AR, CA, CH, FA, HM, KO, LA, RU, SP, TG, VI

2.3 Regression Test Impacted CalWORKs Form Variable Population

2.3.1 Overview

CalSAWS and C-IV have Forms that auto-populate the motor vehicle disregard for CalWORKs.

Impacted Forms:

- CW 2218
- SAWS 2A SAR

2.3.2 Description of Change

Regression test the following Forms to verify that the correct motor vehicle disregard is populating for CalWORKs.

Note: The motor vehicle disregard variable is referenced below as LIMIT_VD.

Form	Variable	Languages
CW 2218	<p>Located on Page 5 (C-IV) and Page 6 (CalSAWS):</p> <p>“There is a \$<LIMIT> limit on the value of the property (e.g. bank accounts, stocks, etc.) that the child can own and be eligible to receive CalWORKs benefits. That limit increases to \$<LIMIT2> if the child has a disability. A child under age 18 can own a vehicle (for example a car, truck, van, motorcycle, etc.) to drive to work, school, job training or to look for work. This also applies during temporary periods of unemployment for the child who customarily drives to and from work. Any motor vehicle with an equity value of \$<LIMIT_VD> or less will not count against the \$<LIMIT>. For each motor vehicle with an equity value of more than \$<LIMIT_VD>, the value that exceeds \$<LIMIT_VD> counts against the child’s property. If it was given to the child as a gift, a donation, or a family member transferred it to the child, we also do not count it. You will be asked to give the county proof from the Department of Motor Vehicles that it was a</p>	<p>CalSAWS: AE, CA, CH, EN, KO, RU, SP, VI</p> <p>C-IV: EN, SP</p>

	gift, donation or transfer from a family member.”	
SAWS 2A SAR	<p>Located on Page 9:</p> <p>“There is a \$<LIMIT> limit on the value of the property (e.g. bank accounts, stocks, etc.) that your family can own and be eligible to receive CalWORKs benefits. If someone in your family is at least 60 years of age or disabled the limit is \$<LIMIT2>. Your residence and furniture are not part of the limit. You can own a vehicle (for example a car, truck, van, motorcycle, etc.) as long as what it’s worth minus what you owe is less than \$<LIMIT_VD>. If it was given to you as a gift, a donation, or a family member transferred it to you, we do not count it. You will be asked to give the County proof from the Department of Motor Vehicles that it was a gift, donation or transfer from a family member. The vehicle will not count if used by your family for certain special reasons. Ask your worker what those reasons are. Your worker can explain to you how to figure the value of any vehicle.”</p>	AE, AR, CA, CH, EN, FA, HM, KO, LA, RU, SP, TG, VI

3 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Project Requirements

REQ #	REQUIREMENT TEXT	How Requirement Met
2.16.1.2	The LRS shall include an automated method for implementing mass updates triggered by policy changes or mass participant financial changes, including Social Security or Veterans benefits cost of living adjustments (COLAs).	The maximum allowed non-exempt vehicle equity value is increased to \$25,483.