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1 OVERVIEW

This document identifies required changes to CalSAWS and C-IV related to the asset 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) 21-56.

1.1 Current Design

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

- For CW/RCA Assistance Units (AUs) that do not contain a member who is 60 years of age or older or disabled, the property limit increased to \$10,000 (CT 335-84 CalWORKs Property Limit).
- For CW/RCA AUs that do contain a member who is age 60 years of age or older or disabled, the property limit increased to \$15,000 (CT 335-03 CW Elderly and Disabled Property Limit).

1.2 Requests

Per ACL 21-56 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 values:

- a. When a CW/RCA AU does not include a member who is 60 years of age or older or disabled, the maximum asset limit will be increased from \$10,000 to \$10,211.
- b. When a CW/RCA AU includes a member, who is 60 years of age or older or disabled, the maximum asset limit will be increased from \$15,000 to \$15,317.

1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update CW/RCA EDBC rules that apply the resource test for CW Property Limit and Elderly and Disabled Property Limit to perform the calculations based on the new limits.
2. Regression test impacted NOAs and Forms that populate the CalWORKs Property Limits Disregard. Update the SAWS 2A SAR to auto-populate the CalWORKs Property Limits Disregard when generated in a RE packet.
3. Create C-IV and CalSAWS lists for CW/RCA Cases Denied/Discontinued due to 'Over Resources' for June and July 2021.

1.4 Assumptions

1. The Federal AFDC eligibility determination for Foster Care (FC) is made based on current property CW property limit. SCR CA-213138_CIV-106687 has been drafted to update the EDBC logic to determine federal AFCD determination based on Foster Care property limit.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 CW/RCA EDBC: Property Limit and Elderly and Disabled Property Limit

2.1.1 Overview

Update CW/RCA EDBC rules that apply the resource test for CW Property Limit and Elderly and Disabled Property Limit to perform the calculations based on the new limits effective July 1, 2021.

2.1.2 Description of Changes

1. Effective July 1, 2021 the property limit will increase from \$10,000 to \$10,211 for CW/RCA AUs that do not contain a member who is 60 years of age or older or disabled (CT 335-84 CalWORKs Property Limit) and from \$15,000 to \$15,317 for CW/RCA AUs that do contain a member who is age 60 years of age or older or disabled (CT 335-03 CW Elderly and Disabled Property Limit).

2.1.3 Programs Impacted

CW
RCA

2.2 Regression Test Impacted CalWORKs NOA Variable Population

2.2.1 Overview

CW NOAs populate with the property limits for the program in both CalSAWS and C-IV.

2.2.2 Description of Changes

The following NOA Fragments in CalSAWS and C-IV populate the property limits for CalWORKs. These Fragments need to be regression tested to confirm that they populate with the newest values.

CalSAWS NOA Fragments:

ID	Fragment Name	Fragment Text	Languages
6132	CW_DN_PROP_CNT_EXCD_A104	<p>You can not get cash aid if your total countable property is more than <PROP_LIMIT>.</p> <p>If the County figured your car or other vehicle was worth more than you think it's worth, you can give the County proof that it is worth less. Ask the County how. If you can prove it is worth less you may get cash aid.</p>	EN, SP
6200	CW_TN_RES_AMT_LMT_A104	<p>You can not get cash aid if your total countable property is more than <PROP_LIMIT>.</p> <p>If the County figured your car or other vehicle was worth more than you think it's worth, you can give the County proof that it is worth less. Ask the County how. If you can prove it is worth less you may get cash aid.</p>	EN, SP
7333	CW_CH_ARCO_MID_PERIOD_PROPERTY_CHANGE_A996	<p>You recently told the County about a change in property.</p> <p>Normally, the amount of property you reported would make you ineligible for cash aid. The rules say that the County only looks at your property once a year. This means that we will not change your cash aid at this time.</p> <p>Your next report is at your annual redetermination. All information must be reported and verified on your redetermination form.</p> <p>The property limit is <LIMIT> or <LIMIT2> if some on the grant is 60 or disabled.</p> <p>To stay eligible for cash aid, you must sell the property for a fair price, and then spend the money to below the property limit or put</p>	EN, SP

		<p>it into a restricted bank account. You cannot give it away or get a price lower than what is fair.</p> <p>A restricted bank account protects savings for education, housing, or to start a business. You must call your worker and get the CalWORKs paperwork filled out and approved and then open a special (separate) bank account for these savings.</p>	
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C-IV NOA Fragments:

Note: Fragment IDs 168 and 239 also are used for RCA.

ID	Fragment Name	Fragment Text	Languages
168	MSG_PROP_OTHER_THAN_HOME_MORE_THAN_PROP_LIMIT	<p>You own property that is worth more than the <LIMIT> limit. You have property that is available to you and the value of this property counts against you.</p> <p>We must count the value of all the property you own other than your home.</p>	EN, AE, AR, CA, CH, FA, HM, KO, LA, RU, SP, TG, VI
239	RSN_EXCEEDED_PROPERTY_LIMIT	<p>Your property is more than the <LIMIT> allowable limit.</p> <p>Here is how we figured your countable property:</p> <p>Property: Countable Value: <PROP> <VALUE></p> <p>Total Value <TOTAL></p>	EN, AE, AR, CA, CH, FA, HM, KO, LA, RU, SP, TG, VI
432	RSN_NO_CHANGE_PROPERTY	<p>You recently told the County about a change in property. Normally, the amount of property you reported would make you ineligible for <PGM>. The rules say that the County only looks at your property <DURATION>. This means that we will not change your <PGM> at this time.</p> <p>The property limit is <LIMIT>, or <LIMIT_2> if someone on the grant is over 60 or disabled.</p> <p>To stay eligible for <PGM>, you must sell the property for a fair price, and then spend the money to below the property limit, or put</p>	EN, AE, AR, CA, CH, FA, HM, KO, LA, RU, SP, TG, VI

		<p>it into a restricted bank account. You cannot give it away or get a price lower than what is fair.</p> <p>A restricted bank account protects savings for education, housing, or to start a business. You must call your worker and get the CalWORKs paperwork filled out and approved and then open a special (separate) bank account for these savings.</p>	
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2.3 Add and Regression Test CalWORKs Form Variable Population

2.3.1 Overview

CalSAWS and C-IV Forms were updated to auto-populate the property limits for CalWORKs per SCR CA-209033/CIV-104383 in release 20.03. These Forms will be tested to ensure that they are populating the new values ongoing.

Currently the SAWS 2A SAR does not auto-populate when generated as part of the CW RE and CW/CF RE packets. This effort will add auto-population to the Form when generated for a RE packet for both CalSAWS and C-IV.

Impacted Forms:

- CW 2218
- SAWS 2A SAR
- CW 86 – LA (CalSAWS only)
- M44-316C SAR (C-IV only)

2.3.2 Description of Change

1. Regression Test Form Variable Population

Regression test the following Forms to verify that the correct property limit is populating for CalWORKs.

Form	Variable	Languages
CW 2218	Located on Page 5 (C-IV) and Page 6 (CalSAWS):	CalSAWS:

	<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 gift, donation or transfer from a family member.”</p>	<p>AE, CA, CH, EN, KO, RU, SP, VI</p> <p>C-IV: EN, SP</p>
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>	<p>AE, AR, CA, CH, EN, FA, HM, KO, LA, RU, SP, TG, VI</p>

<p>CW 86 – LA (CalSAWS only)</p>	<p>Located on Page 3:</p> <p>“Money in your restricted account(s) DO NOT count against the property limit you can have and <u>keep getting</u> cash aid. (The property limit is \$<LIMIT> or \$<LIMIT2> if there is at least one person in the household who is age 60 or older.) But money in a restricted account DOES count against your property limit if you are <u>applying</u> for cash aid. So if your cash aid stops and you reapply for cash aid, your total countable personal property including any money in your restricted account(s), cannot be more than the property limit.”</p> <p>Located on Page 5.</p> <p>“I have read the coversheet. I understand the rules and my responsibilities for starting and keeping a restricted account; the rules for a period of ineligibility; and the need to have resources close to my \$<LIMIT> property limit (\$<LIMIT2> if there is at least one household member who is age 60 or older) for emergencies or other expenses before I start a restricted account. I understand and agree that: ”</p> <p>“If my cash aid stops for any reason, and if I reapply for cash aid, my total countable personal property, including any money in the restricted account(s), cannot be more than the \$<LIMIT> property limit (or \$<LIMIT2> if there is at least one household member who is age 60 or older).”</p>	<p>AE, CA, CH, EN, KO, RU, SP, TG, VI</p>
<p>M44-316C SAR (C-IV only)</p>	<p>Located on Page 1:</p> <p>“The property limit is <LIMIT>, or <LIMIT2> if someone on the grant is over 60 or disabled.”</p>	<p>EN, SP</p>

2. Add Variable Population for CW RE and CW/CF RE packets

Update the Form Variable Population logic for the SAWS 2A SAR to populate with the CT 335-84 CalWORKs Property Limit and CT 335-03 CW Elderly and Disabled Property Limit when generated as part of the CW RE and CW/CF RE packets in both CalSAWS and C-IV. Update the Form Variable Population logic for the SAWS 2A SAR to populate CT335-AN CW Motor Vehicle Disregard for C-IV and CT335-AO CW Motor Vehicle Disregard for CalSAWS when generated as part of the CW RE and CW/CF RE packets.

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 property limit for CalWORKs AUs will be increased to \$10,211 and \$15,317 for Assistant Units (AU) that include at least one member who is aged 60 or older or disabled.

4 OUTREACH

4.1 Lists

List Name: CW/RCA Cases Denied/Discontinued due to 'Over Resources' for June and July 2021

List Criteria:

- CW/RCA case has an effective property record for the program person effective for June or July 2021 benefit month.
- An EDBC has already been processed for the CW/RCA case for June or July 2021 benefit months.
- CW/RCA program has been denied/discontinued for June or July 2021 due to 'Over Resources' status reason.
- One of the following:
 - a. For CW/RCA AUs that do contain a member who is age 60 years of age or older or disabled, check to see if resource total is equal to or below \$15,317.
 - b. For CW/RCA Assistance Units (AUs) that do not contain a member who is 60 years of age or older or disabled, check to see if resource total is equal to or below \$10,211.

Standard Columns:

- Case Name

- Case Number
- County
- Unit
- Unit Name
- Office Name
- Worker

Additional Column(s): EDBC Benefit Month, Program Status

Frequency: One-time

The list will be posted to the following locations:

System	Path
CalSAWS	CalSAWS Web Portal>System Changes>SCR and SIR Lists>2021>CA-227118
C-IV	CalSAWS Web Portal>System Changes>SCR and SIR Lists>2021>CIV-108857