# CalSAWS | 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 CA- 205913 Approved Release 22.01  SCR CA- 205633 Approved Release 22.01  SCR CIV- 106585;CA- 214133 Implemented	PPM #48555 BENDS (workaround) issued 8/18  PPM #50565 Implemented R59 (11/19)	Under the current program, relative caregivers and Non-Relative Extended Family Member (NREFM) 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.  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.  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.  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.
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### Housing Supplement to the THP-NMD Program

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7/1/2021- CalWIN Counties 9/1/2022 - for CalSAWS Counties ACL 20-121	SCR CA-218584 New Release 22.07	PPM #56780 Implemented R65 (5/21)	AB 79 which, in part, establishes a Housing Supplement for Transitional Housing Program (THP)-Non-Minor Dependents (NMD) placements. The THP NMD rate paid to providers on behalf of NMDs placed in their programs will be supplemented in eligible counties.  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.  CalSAWS Update: This SCRs awaiting design to begin.  CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCR CA-218584.
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#### AAP, Foster Care & Kin-GAP Rate Increase

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7/1/2021 Draft ACL received on 5/26/2021	SCRs CIV- 107958; CA- 219844 Build Release 21.07 Priority SCR CA- 219846 Design Release 21.07 Priority	PPM #58963 Implemented July 11, 2021 (COLA run)	The California Necessities Index (CNI) increase of 2.11%, which is applicable to all AAP, Foster Care and Kin-GAP placements, effective July 1, 2021.  CalSAWS Update:  Update the rates values in the systems Run batch EDBC on the impacted cases to establish new benefit amounts  County Business Process Impact: Inform staff of the rates increase. Review the cases on the batch EDBC lists and take appropriate action.  Batch EDBC memorandum call with the counties will be scheduled for some time in early August. The batch EDBC memorandum provides details on the batch EDBC process, timeline, and county action for cases not processed by batch EDBC.  CalWIN Update: Update rates PPM #58963 also includes the AAP increase.  CalWIN County Business Impact: Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC. Batch Exception list will be produced after COLA is run.

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### CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment Increase

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10/1/2021	SCRs C-IV- 108000; CA- 220108 Design Release 21.07 Priority  SCRs C-IV- 108001; CA- 220109 Approved Release 21.07 priority	PPM # 59464 Planning Target September 2021 COLA	Per the proposed State budget, effective October 1, 2021, CalWORKs(CW) Maximum Aid Payments (MAP) will increase.  CalSAWS Update:  Update the CW MAP amounts  Update the applicable NOA snippets  Run batch EDBC on the impacted cases to establish new benefit amounts  County Business Process Impact:  Inform staff of the increased MAP amount.  Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC  Batch EDBC memorandum will be provided via CalSAWS Information Transmittal (CIT) counties mid to late August. The batch EDBC memorandum provides details on the batch EDBC process, timeline, and county action for cases not processed by batch EDBC.  CalWIN Update: Tentative date for COLA run is 9/4/2021.  County Business Process Impact: Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC. Batch Exception list will be produced after COLA is run.

#### CalWORKs Revised Time on Aid Notice of Actions

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6/20/2018  ACL 18-43	SCR CA- 204115 New Release TBD	PPM #50566 Implemented R59 (11/19)	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:  • 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  Because some changes have been made to the above notices, CDSS is working on an errata to ACL 18-43. Publish date is TBD.  CalSAWS Update: Both SCRs are SPG approved awaiting design to begin. Until the updated NOAs are implemented, counties can use the versions on the CDSS website.  CalSAWS County Business Impact: Reject the system generated notice of action (NOA) and manually complete and send the appropriate NOA.  -Continued on Next Slide-

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6/20/2018 ACL 18-43	SCRs CA- 204115 New Release TBD	PPM #50566 Implemented R59 (11/19)	CalWIN Update: Implemented the revised notices in November 2019 with Release 59 (R59).  If an Errata is issued a new proposal will be opened to address necessary changes.  CalWIN County Business Impact No impact currently counties can use CalWIN notices that are now available as of November 2019.

### CalWORKs Increased Child Support Pass-Through (AB 79)

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1/1/2022 ACL 20-115	SCR CA-217945 Build Release 21.11	PPM #58208 Design Target R67 (11/2021)	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.  The increased child support pass-throughs/disregards is effective January 1, 2022.  CalSAWS Update:  Update EDBC to apply the new child support disregard amounts.  Add a data element to the child support Interface file that identifies the number of children in the assistance unit (AU).  Update the verbiage on the CW 2215 (10/20) and add the TEMP CW 2225 to the system.  CalSAWS County Business Impact: Inform staff of the policy change in ACL 20-115 and the system changes in SCR CA-217945.

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1/1/2022 ACL 20-115	SCR CA-217945 Build Release 21.11	PPM #58208 Design Target R67 (11/2021)  PPM #59120 Design Target December 2021 Monthly	CalWIN Update:  • 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)  New proposal opened to include KinGap Child Support Income Disregard Increase, per CRPC. New increased disregard to \$100. Target to implement December 2021.  CalWIN County Business Impact: Pending design completion.

### CalFresh (CF) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

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10/1/2021	SCRs C-IV- 108000; CA- 220108 Design Release 21.07 Priority  SCRs C-IV- 108001; CA- 220109 Approved Release 21.07 priority	PPM # 59465 Planning Target September 2021 COLA	Effective October 1, 2021, the CF maximum allotments, deduction amounts, including the, Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) and Limited Utility Allowance (LUA), and income eligibility standards will increase.  CalSAWS Update:  Update the CF allotment, SUA, LUA and income eligibility standard values  Update the applicable NOA snippets  Run batch EDBC on the impacted cases to establish new benefit amounts  County Business Process Impact:  Inform staff of the increased CF values.  Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC  Batch EDBC memorandum will be provided via CalSAWS Information Transmittal (CIT) counties mid to late August. The batch EDBC memorandum provides details on the batch EDBC process, timeline, and county action for cases not processed by batch EDBC.  CalWIN Update: Tentative date for COLA run 9/11/2021.  County Business Process Impact: Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC. Batch Exception list will be produced after COLA is run.

### Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

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ACL 19-93 ABAWD Handbook 2.0 ACL 20-18	SCRs CIV- 106060;CA- 212650 Implemented  SCRs CIV- 106686;CA- 214411 Implemented  SCR CA-207637 Phase III Implemented  SCR CA-215950 New Release TBD	PPM #46539 Implemented 8/2018  PPM #47411 Implemented 8/2018  PPM #51360 Implemented 8/2019  PPM #52397 Implemented R60 (2/20)  PPM #54056 Implemented March 2020 PPM #54055 Implemented February 2020 PPM #54084 Implemented March 2020	Food Nutrition Services (FNS) approved California's statewide ABAWD time limit waiver request beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.  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.  Update: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) voluntarily moved to dismiss their appeal on the ABAWD Final Rule which the court accepted. The decision from last fall that overturned the entire rule is upheld and the ABAWD Final Rule is officially vacated. That means it is gone for good. While the ABAWD Final Rule is gone, previous ABAWD time limit policy is still in effect. As a reminder, California submitted and was approved by FNS for a statewide ABAWD waiver effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. Further, CDSS intends to submit an ABAWD waiver extension and will be able to share more information as it becomes available.  -Continued on Next Slide-

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#### CalFresh (CF) Revised Excess Medical Deduction form CF 31

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6/1/2019 ACL 18-141	SCR CA-206080 Design Release 22.01	N/A	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.  CalSAWS Update:  Add the latest version of the CF 31 to the system  Add functionality to automatically mail the CF 31 to CF elderly/disabled household when a medical expenses record is pending.  CalSAWS County Business Impact:  Inform staff of the system changes in SCR 206080.  CalWIN Update:  CF 31 not available in CalWIN, no impact.  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.

### CalFresh ESAP Elimination of Periodic Reporting (SAR7)

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3/1/2022 ACL 20-145	SCR CA-220040 Design Release 22.01  SCR CA-230192 Design Release 22.01  SCR CA-221837 Design Release 22.01	PPM #58210 Design Target R68 (2/2022)	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.  The current anticipated completion date for automation is January 1,2022 with an anticipated policy effective date of March 1, 2022.  CalSAWS Update:  Eliminate sending a SAR 7 to ESAP households  Modify the 377.2B and the 377.2C per instruction in ACL 20-145  Add a new CF ESAP RE packet to the system  Send the CF 34 informing notice to all ESAP households  CalSAWS County Business Impact:  Inform staff about the policy change in ACL 20-145 and system changes in SCR 220040  CalWIN Update:  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  CalWIN County Business Impact:  Pending design completion

### Medi-Cal Post Partum Eligibility Expansion

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4/1/2022  ACWDL 20-14	SCR CA- 212145 Design Release 22.03	PPM #53594 Cancelled	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.  CalSAWS Update: This SCRs is in the early design phase. As system changes are document, additional information will be provided.  CalSAWS County Business Impact: Until SCR CA-212145 is implemented, follow the process documented in CIT 0168-20  CalWIN Update: CalWIN participating in State policy discussions with DHCS and County representatives. Proposal cancelled based on State workgroup determination no SAWS impact. CalWIN County Business Impact: State workgroup has determined no SAWS impact, will be County business processes.

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

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ACWDL -20- 21 MEDIL I-20-39	SCR CA- 216432 Implemented Release 21.07  SCR CA- 223571 New Release TBD	PPM #57833 Testing Target R66 (8/21)  PPM #58225 Design Target R67 (11/21)	Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 435.916 and W&IC Section 14005.37 require that Medi-Cal annual renewal (RE) forms be prepopulated, therefore Department of Health Care Services (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.  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 Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) and Non-MAGI Medi-Cal beneficiaries before any renewal form is sent  The following forms were modified:  MC 216  MC 217  MC 210
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SCR CA- 216432   Implemente d	Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS Status	CalWIN Status	Implementation Details
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