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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-227842 Design Release 22.05	PPM #56780 Implemented R65 (5/21) PPM #59847 Design R69 (5/22)	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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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 Test Release 21.11	PPM #58208 Testing Target R67 (11/2021) PPM #59120 Design Target December 2021 Monthly	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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CalFresh – 2022 Social Security Administration Cost of Living Increase

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ACIN I-88-20	SCR CA-22221 Approved Release 22.01 SCR CA-205913 Approved Release 22.01	PPM # 60162 Design Target February as COLA run	Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients will receive a federal Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) effective January 1, 2022, and that, per federal regulations, the new SSI monthly payment amount reflecting the annual SSA COLA must be acted on for CalFresh purposes. CalSAWS Update: CalSAWS will send a file to MEDS containing CalFresh persons receiving SSI/SSP Income, MEDS will provide a response file that includes elements in the initial outbound file, as well as the SSI/SSP payment amounts. CalSAWS will process the file from MEDS and create new Other Program Assistance(OPA) record for the specific individuals with the new SSI/SSP amounts. In early February 2022, run CalFresh cases impacted by the above processes through batch EDBC for the March 2022 benefit month, to apply the new SSI/SSP values County Business Process Impact: Review the cases on the batch EDBC lists and take appropriate action. Batch EDBC memorandum will be provided via CalSAWS Information Transmittal in early February 2022. The batch EDBC memorandum provides details on the batch EDBC process, timeline, and county action for cases not processed by batch EDBC.

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Suspend Transitional Nutrition Benefit Recertifications

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November 2021 TNB RCs State policy letter is pending	SCR CA-232171 Test Release 21.07 Priority (10/8/21) SCR CA-232170 New Release 23.07	PPM #59866 Test October off- cycle	The final State budget includes a proposal to pause Transitional Nutrition Benefit (TNB) Recertifications (RC) to allow time for SAWS to modify the TNB RC cycle from 6 months to 12 months and expands the reinstatement timeframe from 30 days to 90 days from the date of the TNB discontinuance. On 8/23/2021, CDSS approved the SAWS implementation plan listed below. CalSAWS Update: The following processes will be suspended effective for the November 2021 TNB RCs: TNB 4 generation batch job TNB 5 Generation batch job Recertification Discontinuance batch job TNB Skipped issuance for not received or incomplete RC County Business Process Impact: For TNB RCs due in November 2021 and ongoing, inform staff not to discontinue TNB recipients for not completing a RC, due to the TNB RC suspension. -Continued on next slide-

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October 2021 TNB RCs State policy letter is pending	SCR CA-232171 Test Release 21.07 Priority (10/8/21) SCR CA-232170 New Release 23.07	PPM #59866 Test October off- cycle	CalWIN Update: The final 2021-2022 state budget approved pausing recertification to allow time to automate switching the recertification cycle from 6 months to 12 months and expanding the reinstatement timeframe from 30 days to 90 days from the date of the TNB discontinuance with trailer bill language. This change will suspend the TNB recertification for 24 months prior to client correspondence generating. Target to run process on 10/10/2021 as a special process. County Business Process Impact: Lists will be provided to counties for reference.	

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 22.05	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 Committee Review 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 Approved Release 22.01 SCR CA-230192 Approved Release 22.01 SCR CA-221837 Approved 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 - Postpartum Care Extension

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4/1/2022 ACWDL 21-15 MEDIL I-21-13	SCR CA- 212145 Approved Release 22.03	PPM #59694 Design R68B (2/2022) PPM #59693 Design R68B (2/2022)	Under provisions of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), California has opted to extend the postpartum care period for currently eligible and newly eligible pregnant individuals and broaden the scope of coverage to full-scope benefits during both the pregnancy and postpartum periods, effective April 1, 2022. The postpartum coverage period for individuals receiving pregnancy-related and postpartum care services as of April 1, 2022, will expand to include an additional ten months of coverage following the current 60-day postpartum period for a total of 12 months, without requiring a mental health diagnosis. 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 -Continued on next slide-

Medi-Cal - Post Partum Eligibility Extension

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4/1/2022 ACWDL 21-15 MEDIL I-21-13	SCR CA- 212145 Approved Release 22.03	PPM #59694 Design R68B (2/2022) PPM #59693 Design R68B (2/2022)	CalWIN Update: Effective April 1st, 2022 (draft ACWDL), the postpartum coverage period will be effective for twelve (12) months following the last day of pregnancy. Pregnant individuals are eligible for this extension as part of pregnancy and postpartum coverage, regardless of changes of income, citizenship, and immigration status, according to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). CalWIN will modify to extend the postpartum period from 60 days to 12 months for both MAGI (PPM 59693) and Non-MAGI Medi-Cal. CalWIN County Business Impact: Pending Design finalization release notes to be issued.

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 22.03	PPM #57833 Implemented Target R66 (8/21) PPM #58225 Test 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 exparte 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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