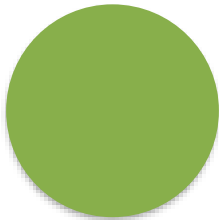




CalSAWS | Policy Update



February 2022

Policy Update

Funding for Emergency Caregivers

| Policy Effective Date & State Letter Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| <p>7/1/2018</p> <p>ACL 18-75</p> <p>CFL 18-19/81</p> <p>ACL 19-84</p> <p>ACWDL 19-22</p> | <p>SCR CA-205913 Build Release 22.09</p> <p>SCR CA-205633 Build Release 22.09</p> <p>SCR CIV-106585;CA-214133 Implemented</p> | <p>PPM #48555 BENDS (workaround) issued 8/18</p> <p>PPM #50565 Implemented R59 (11/19)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>-Continued on Next Slide-</p> |

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| 7/1/2018 ACL 18-75 CFL 18-19/81 ACL 19-84 ACWDL 19-22 | SCR CA-205913 Build Release 22.09 SCR CA-205633 Build Release 22.09 SCR CIV-106585;CA-214133 Implemented | PPM #48555 BENDS (workaround) issued 8/18 PPM #50565 Implemented R59 (11/19) | CalSAWS Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add aid code 5L to CIV and LRS/CalSAWS• Update the Foster Care EDBC logic to use aid code 5L when the child is not eligible to emergency caregiver funding.• Exclude aid code 5L from the clothing allowance batch process• Update the EC/EA Tracking Report to include aid code 5L CalSAWS County Business Impact: <p>Inform staff about the availability of aid code 5L in the system.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on Next Slide-</p> |

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| 7/1/2018 ACL 18-75 CFL 18-19/81 ACL 19-84 ACWDL 19-22 | SCR CA-205913 Build Release 22.09 SCR CA-205633 Build Release 22.09 SCR CIV-106585;CA-214133 Implemented | PPM #48555 BENDS (workaround) issued 8/18 PPM #50565 Implemented R59 (11/19) | CalWIN Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reference Table updated, manually select 5L aid code• Adding an On/Off Switch for EC Funding 5L• Extending Relative/NREFM up to 180 days for 5L & up to 365 day for Good Cause.• Change Other Placements of Regular EA Funding to 180 days from 120 days• Create new Client Correspondence for Interim Funding <p>Note: <i>ACL 19-84 posted in September included the change from 180 days to 120 days.</i></p> <p>CalWIN County Business Process Impact: County business processes utilizing functionality to issue now automation implemented.</p> |

Policy Update

Housing Supplement to the THP-NMD Program

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| <p>7/1/2021- CalWIN Counties</p> <p>9/1/2022 - for CalSAWS Counties</p> <p>ACL 20-121</p> | <p>SCR CA-227842 Committee Review Release 22.07</p> | <p>PPM #56780 Implemented R65 (5/21)</p> <p>PPM #59847 Design R69 (5/22)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update: This SCR is awaiting design to begin.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCR CA-218584.</p> <p>-Continued on next slide-</p> |

Policy Update

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| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| 7/1/2021- CalWIN Counties 9/1/2022 - for CalSAWS Counties ACL 20-121 | SCR CA-227842 Committee Review Release 22.07 | PPM #56780 Implemented R65 (5/21) PPM #59847 Design R69 (5/22) | CalWIN Update: The THP-NMD rate paid to providers on behalf of NMDs placed in their programs will be supplemented in eligible counties. CalWIN will automate and make available this amount that will be paid to these providers, as well as make available the annual rate increases for the THP-NMD housing supplement through CalWIN. A separate project for the THP-NMD housing supplement for eligible placements across counties for NMDs based on residing status (NMD's residing county which may be different from the host county) targeted to be implemented May 2022. CalWIN County Business Impact: Train staff on the policy change and inform them of the changes to the system. |

Policy Update

CalWORKs AB 135 Pregnancy Related Changes

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| May 1, 2022, and July 1, 2022 ACL 21-140 | SCR CA-232069 Test Release 22.03 SCR CA-233027 Approved Release 22.03 priority (April 2022) SCR CA-232061 Design Release 22.05 | PPM #60421 Design April 2022 Monthly PPM #60458 Design R69 (May 2022) | <p>AB 135 increases the CalWORKs (CW) monthly pregnancy special needs (PSN) payment to \$100, effective May 1, 2022. This bill also expands eligibility for CalWORKs aid for pregnant person only (PPO) applicants, effective July 1, 2022.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update the pregnancy special needs amount to \$100, effective 5/1/2022.• Add a new batch run reasons for running batch EDDB to update the PSN.• Update the PSN NOA to account for the new PSN amount.• Run batch EDDB on the impacted cases to update the PSN amount.• Update CW EDDB rules to allow a PPO to receive CW aid at the time of application, therefore, no longer requiring the individual to be in their second trimester of pregnancy, effective July 1, 2022. <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</p> <p>Train county staff on this policy change and inform them of the upcoming system changes.</p> <p>Review the cases on the batch EDDB lists and take appropriate action.</p> <p>Batch EDDB memorandum will be provided via CalSAWS Information Transmittal in April 2022. The batch EDDB memorandum provides details on the batch EDDB process, timeline, and county action for cases not processed by batch EDDB.</p> <p>- Continued on next slide-</p> |

Policy Update

CalWORKs AB 135 Pregnancy Related Changes

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| <p>May 1, 2022, and July 1, 2022</p> <p>ACL 21-140</p> | <p>SCR CA-232069 Test Release 22.03</p> <p>SCR CA-233027 Approved Release 22.03 priority (April 2022)</p> | <p>PPM #60421 Design April 2022 Monthly</p> <p>PPM #60458 Design R69 (May 2022)</p> | <p>CalWIN Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase Pregnancy Special Need (PSN) to \$100 effective 5/1/2022. Active cases will have EDBC run to increase PSN.• Update NOAs for new PSN amounts and new pregnancy rules. Including M43-119, M82-820 and M40-129.• Update Pregnancy Person Only rules to date of application and medical verification rules and sworn statement rules.• Eliminating second trimester rules effective 7/1/2022. <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: New PSN applied to active cases, standard case lists will be provided.</p> |

Policy Update

CalWORKs Applicant Earned Income Disregard Increase

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| July 1, 2022 ACL 21-130 | SCR CA-231970 Test Release 22.03 | PPM #60024 Design R69B (June 2022) | <p>Assembly Bill (AB) 135 implemented an increase to the earned income disregard (EID) for CalWORKs applicants. The applicant EID increases from \$90 per employed person to \$450 per employed person, effective July 1, 2022.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update the CalWORKs EID for applicants from \$90 per each employed person to \$450 per each employed person, effective July 1, 2022.• Add the CW 29 (10/21 version) Applicant Test – Intake Financial Test.• Add the NA 213 (10/21 version) budget to generate a denial NOA with the M44-207J verbiage.• Add the NA 213A (7/21 version) budget to generate a denial NOA with M44-207M verbiage. <p>CalSAWS County Business Process Impact: Train county staff on this policy change and inform them of the upcoming system changes.</p> <p>-Continued on next slide-</p> |

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| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
|--|---|---|--|
| July 1, 2022 ACL 21-130 | SCR CA-231970 Test Release 22.03 | PPM #60024 Design R69B (June 2022) | CalWIN Update: Increase the earned income disregard (EID) for CalWORKs/RCA in the applicant test from \$90 to \$450 per each employed person. Update Budget sheets for NA 213, NA 301 (senior parent denial, minor parent approved) and the NA 301A. CalWIN County Business Impact: Generate a case list of CalWORKs denials for the reason of over income. (May and June of 2022) |

Policy Update

CalWORKs Homeless Assistance SB 1065

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| When automation occurs ACL 21-121 | SCR CA-228806 Design Release 22.06 | PPM #60547 Target Release 70 (August 2022) | <p>Senate Bill (SB) expands and streamlines the eligibility and administration of the CalWORKs Homeless Assistance (HA) Program through a series of policy changes impacting access to HA benefits. The bill includes several distinct policy changes to HA eligibility and issuance criteria, including, but not limited to, the removal of the \$100 liquid resources limit for families in receipt of CalWORKs.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update: Pending design completion</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Pending design completion.</p> |

Policy Update

CalWORKs Homeless Assistance SB 1065

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| When automation occurs ACL 21-121 | SCR CA-228806 Design Release 22.06 | PPM #60547 Target Release 70 (August 2022) | CalWIN Update: Pending design completion CalWIN County Business Impact: Pending design completion. |

Policy Update

CalWORKs Revised Time on Aid Notice of Actions

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
|--|--|---|---|
| 6/20/2018 ACL 18-43 | SCR CA-204115 New Release TBD | PPM #50566 Implemented R59 (11/19) | <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <p>Because some changes have been made to the above notices, CDSS is working on an errata to ACL 18-43. Publish date is TBD.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Reject the system generated notice of action (NOA) and manually complete and send the appropriate NOA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on Next Slide-</p> |

Policy Update

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| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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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. |

Policy Update

CalFresh – 2022 Social Security Administration Cost of Living Increase

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
|--|---|--|---|
| ACIN I-88-20 | SCR CA-222221 Test Release 22.01 Priority (2/12/22) | PPM #60309 Implemented February 5, 2022, as a COLA run | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>On February 12, 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.</p> <p>County Business Process Impact: Review the cases on the batch EDBC lists and take appropriate action.</p> <p>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.</p> |

Policy Update

CalFresh – 2022 Social Security Administration Cost of Living Increase

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| ACIN I-88-20 | SCR CA-22221 Test Release 22.01 Priority (2/12/22) | PPM # 60309 Implemented February 5, 2022, as a COLA run | <p>CalWIN Update: CalWIN 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.</p> <p>CalWIN will process the file from MEDS and update existing SSI income records with new SSI amounts. SSP income amounts will be provided to counties with a list.</p> <p>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 values.</p> <p>Tentative date for SSI income COLA run 2/2022. Notice will be provided by CDSS regarding implementation of the SSA COLA on SSI/SSP recipients for 2021.</p> <p>County Business Process Impact: Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC. Batch Exception list will be produced after COLA is run.</p> <p>Standard case lists will be generated for SSI/SSP income types S5, S6, and S7.</p> <p>Manual updates will be required for cases with SSP income.</p> |

Policy Update

Suspend Transitional Nutrition Benefit Recertifications

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| <p>November 2021 TNB RCs</p> <p>State policy letter is pending</p> | <p>SCR CA-232171 Implemented Release 21.07 Priority (10/8/21)</p> <p>SCR CA-232170 New Release 23.07</p> | <p>PPM #59866 Implemented October 2021 off-cycle</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>On 8/23/2021, CDSS approved the SAWS implementation plan listed below.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update: The following processes will be suspended effective for the November 2021 TNB RCs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TNB 4 generation batch job• TNB 5 Generation batch job• Recertification Discontinuance batch job• TNB Skipped issuance for not received or incomplete RC <p>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.</p> <p>-Continued on next slide-</p> |

Policy Update

Suspend Transitional Nutrition Benefit Recertifications

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| <p>October 2021 TNB RCs</p> <p>State policy letter is pending</p> | <p>SCR CA-232171 Implemented Release 21.07 Priority (10/8/21)</p> <p>SCR CA-232170 New Release 23.07</p> | <p>PPM #59866 Implemented October 2021 off-cycle</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Refer to CIT #10-5368, issued 10/7/2021.</p> <p>County Business Process Impact: Lists will be provided to counties for reference.</p> |

Policy Update

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
|---|---|--|--|
| ACL 19-93 ABAWD Handbook 2.0 ACL 20-18 | <p>SCR CA-212650 Implemented</p> <p>SCR CA-214411 Implemented</p> <p>SCR CA-207637 Phase III Implemented</p> <p>SCR CA-215950 New Release 23.05</p> | <p>PPM #46539 Implemented 8/2018</p> <p>PPM #47411 Implemented 8/2018</p> <p>PPM #51360 Implemented 8/2019</p> <p>PPM #52397 Implemented R60 (2/20)</p> <p>PPM #54056 Implemented March 2020</p> <p>PPM #54055 Implemented February 2020</p> <p>PPM #54084 Implemented March 2020</p> | <p>Food Nutrition Services (FNS) approved California's statewide ABAWD time limit waiver request beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on Next Slide-</p> |

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| ACL 19-93 ABAWD Handbook 2.0 ACL 20-18 | <p>SCR CA-212650 Implemented</p> <p>SCR CA-214411 Implemented</p> <p>SCR CA-207637 Phase III Implemented</p> <p>SCR CA-215950 New Release 23.05</p> | <p>PPM #46539 Implemented 8/2018</p> <p>PPM #47411 Implemented 8/2018</p> <p>PPM #51360 Implemented 8/2019</p> <p>PPM #52397 Implemented R60 (2/20)</p> <p>PPM #54056 Implemented March 2020</p> <p>PPM #54055 Implemented February 2020</p> <p>PPM #54084 Implemented March 2020</p> | <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add an ABAWD Requirement Summary page, which provides details related to a person's ABAWD Status • Add functionality to automatically determine whether an ABAWD has met work requirements • Modify the ABAWD Determination batch process to detect changes in employment and activity hours • Modify the ABAWD determination logic to treat an individual receiving Transitional CalFresh as a Non ABAWD • The CalSAWS ABAWD job aid will be updated to account for changes in SCR CA-207637 <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Inform county staff about the system changes in SCR CA-207637.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on Next Slide-</p> |

Policy Update

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|---|---|--|--|
| ACL 19-93 ABAWD Handbook 2.0 ACL 20-18 | <p>SCR CA-212650 Implemented</p> <p>SCR CA-214411 Implemented</p> <p>SCR CA-207637 Phase III Implemented</p> <p>SCR CA-215950 New Release 23.05</p> | <p>PPM #46539 Implemented 8/2018</p> <p>PPM #47411 Implemented 8/2018</p> <p>PPM #51360 Implemented 8/2019</p> <p>PPM #52397 Implemented R60 (2/20)</p> <p>PPM #54056 Implemented March 2020</p> <p>PPM #54055 Implemented February 2020</p> <p>PPM #54084 Implemented March 2020</p> | <p>CalWIN Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ABAWD functionality enabled for Alameda and Contra Costa as of 9/1/2019. •Suppress the FX60 transactions until new criteria for starting the ABAWD time clock is programmed. •Modify CalWIN to start the ABAWD time clock for non-exempt ABAWD individuals. Run special job to re-transmit FX20 and FX60 MEDS transactions once change is implemented. <p>CalWIN functionality training available on Share CalWIN, recorded walk thru, user guide.</p> <p>CalWIN has opened three proposals for the new Federal Rule changes and anticipates others to support the new changes.</p> <p>ABAWD waiver for 11 CalWIN counties had been lifted and based on the Injunction the waivers were reinstated for Orange, Placer, Sacramento, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Ventura and Yolo.</p> <p>CalWIN County Business Impact Counties will not have ABAWD information in MEDS when FX60 is suppressed. Receiving ABAWD counties will have to obtain Countable/Consecutive clock information from sending counties for ICTs.</p> |

Policy Update

CalFresh (CF) Revised Excess Medical Deduction form CF 31

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| 6/1/2019 ACL 18-141 | SCR CA-206080 Approved Release 22.09 | N/A | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Inform staff of the system changes in SCR 206080.</p> <p>CalWIN Update: CF 31 not available in CalWIN, no impact.</p> <p>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.</p> |

Policy Update

CalFresh ESAP Elimination of Periodic Reporting (SAR7)

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| <p>3/1/2022</p> <p>ACL 20-145</p> | <p>SCR CA-220040 Implemented Release 22.01</p> <p>SCR CA-230192 Test Release 22.01 Priority (2/12/22)</p> <p>SCR CA-221837 Build Release 22.01 Priority (3/3/22)</p> | <p>PPM #58210 Testing R68 (2/2022)</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>The current anticipated completion date for automation is January 1, 2022 with an anticipated policy effective date of March 1, 2022.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Inform staff about the policy change in ACL 20-145 and system changes in SCR 220040</p> <p>CalWIN Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: Pending design completion</p> |

Policy Update

Medi-Cal – Older Adult Expansion

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| 5/1/2022 ACWDL 21-13 | SCR CA-228957 Test Release 22.02 SCR CA-231692 Build Release 22.03 SCR CA-229939 Test Release 22.03 | PPM #60032 Testing R68B (2/2022) PPM #60033 Testing R68B (2/2022) | <p>Assembly Bill (AB) 133 (Budget Act of 2021) amended Welfare and Institutions Code section 14007.8 to expand eligibility for full scope Medi-Cal to individuals who are 50 years of age or older, and who do not have satisfactory immigration status or are unable to establish satisfactory immigration status as required by Welfare and Institutions Code section 14011.2.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update Medi-Cal EDBC rules to grant full scope Non-MAGI Medi-Cal to eligible individuals 50 years of age or older, regardless of citizenship or immigration status.• Update the aid code description for specific MAGI Medi-Cal aid codes.• Add a new age change batch for Medi-Cal individuals in restricted scope Medi-Cal turning age 50 to reevaluate individuals for the full scope Medi-Cal after aging out of the targeted population.• Update applicable Medi-Cal Notice of Actions.• Run a onetime batch EDBC in April 2022 to transition the impacted Medi-Cal beneficiaries to the applicable older adult aids. <p>-Continued on next slide-</p> |

Policy Update

Medi-Cal – Older Adult Expansion

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| <p>5/1/2022</p> <p>ACWDL 21-13</p> | <p>SCR CA-228957 Test Release 22.02</p> <p>SCR CA-231692 Build Release 22.03</p> <p>SCR CA-229939 Test Release 22.03</p> | <p>PPM #60032 Testing R68B (2/2022)</p> <p>PPM #60033 Testing R68B (2/2022)</p> | <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train county staff on this policy change and inform them of the upcoming system changes. • Review the cases on the batch EDBC lists and take appropriate action to manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC. <p>CalWIN Update: As part of the Health4All initiative, CalWIN will need to have functionality in place to grant full scope Medi-Cal to aged, undocumented applicants 50 years of age or older, who previously would have been granted restricted scope Medi-Cal. At the same time, CalWIN will need to transition existing restricted aid codes to full scope aid codes. CalWIN will be modified to grant full scope access to aged, undocumented population. CalWIN will need to perform an aid code conversion.</p> <p>Two projects have been opened to address, one to cover MAGI the other for Non-MAGI populations.</p> <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: Review the cases on Exceptions list from EDBC and take appropriate action to manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC.</p> |

Policy Update

Medi-Cal - Postpartum Care Extension

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| 4/1/2022 ACWDL 21-15 MEDIL I-21-13 | SCR CA-212145 Test Release 22.02 SCR CA-230841 Test Release 22.02 Priority (2/25/22) | PPM #59694 Testing R68B (2/2022) PPM #59693 Testing R68B (2/2022) PPM #61217 Target April 2022 Monthly | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update the Non-MAGI Medi-Cal EDBC rules to extend postpartum care coverage from 60 days to 365 days and will protect an individual from losing Medi-Cal coverage during pregnancy.• Display the Postpartum information received by CalHEERS on a DER on the MAGI Determination Detail Page.• Update NOAs referencing 60 days postpartum to 365 days postpartum.• Add new MAGI/EDBC batch skip reason to Medi-Cal programs at the end of postpartum period if the renewal is within 2 months from the current month.• Run a one-time batch EDBC to update eligibility on applicable cases.• Generate a one-time list of eligible pregnant/postpartum individual that transitioned from 60 to 365 days after batch complete. <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on next slide-</p> |

Policy Update

Medi-Cal - Post Partum Eligibility Extension

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| <p>4/1/2022</p> <p>ACWDL 21-15</p> <p>MEDIL I-21-13</p> | <p>SCR CA-212145 Test Release 22.02</p> <p>SCR CA-230841 Test Release 22.02 Priority (2/25/22)</p> | <p>PPM #59694 Testing R68B (2/2022)</p> <p>PPM #59693 Testing R68B (2/2022)</p> <p>PPM #61217 Target April 2022 Monthly</p> | <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train county staff on this policy change and inform them of the upcoming system changes. • Review the cases on the batch EDBC lists and take appropriate action to manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC. <p>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).</p> <p>CalWIN will modify to extend the postpartum period from 60 days to 12 months for both MAGI (PPM 59693) and Non-MAGI Medi-Cal.</p> <p>Additional proposal opened to address ACWDL 21-15 and MEDIL I 21-13 for pregnant individual receiving Non-MAGI Medi-Cal effective 4/1/2022 and evaluating retroactive Medi-Cal for 1/22, 2/22 and 3/22.</p> <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: Pending Design finalization release notes to be issued.</p> |

Policy Update

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

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| ACWDL -20-21 MEDIL I-20-39 | <p>SCR CA-216432 Implemented Release 21.07</p> <p>SCR CA-223571 Build Release When Ready (RWR)</p> | <p>PPM #57833 Implemented R66 (8/21)</p> <p>PPM #58225 Implemented R67 (11/21)</p> <p>PPM #59147 Testing R68 (2/22)</p> <p>PPM #60419 Design Target March 2022 Monthly</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>The following forms were modified: MC 216 MC 217 MC 210</p> |

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