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1	Purpose The purpose of this CIT is to provide CalSAWS counties an alternate procedure when processing Postpartum care extension in an online EDBC for the following:  • retroactive benefits for the months of January, February, and/or March  • granting Postpartum aid code 76  • notices for retroactive Postpartum Care	
	Background In Release 22.02, CalSAWS was updated to extend postpartum coverage from 60 days to 365 days for eligible pregnant/postpartum individuals effective April 2022 with SCR CA-212145, per ACWDL 20-14, ACWDL 21-15 and MEDIL I 21-13.	
	MEDIL 21-13 Errata was released on February 24, 2022, clarifying that if retroactive eligibility is approved for postpartum in January, February, or March of 2022, the 365-day postpartum period should be applied. Examples are provided in the DHCS policies.	
	Note: If someone applies for Medi-Cal in April 2022 after having their baby in January 2022, but does not request retroactive coverage, they are not given the 365-days of Postpartum because they did not have Medi-Cal in the month their child was born (January 2022).	

## Additional Information

For months preceding 04/2022, the system grants 60 days for Postpartum, therefore an override will need to be completed to grant postpartum benefits retroactively for January-March 2022.

Additionally, there is currently no automated Notice of Action (NOA) for Retroactive Postpartum Care Extension. SCR CA-240231 "Update NOA Logic to Check for Postpartum Aid Code and Budget" will add a NOA generating the language for retroactive Postpartum Care Extension benefits in a future release.

In addition to the retroactive items listed above, currently CalSAWS sends a MEDS EW20 transaction to MEDS when an individual is eligible for Medi-Cal postpartum aid code 76. Currently, the MEDS EW20 is not sending the correct ESAC code. SCR CA-237913 is being released April 14, 2022, to resolve this issue. Until it is released, workers will need to submit an online EW20 MEDS transaction with an ESAC-1 for the aid code 76 to post to MEDS.

Note: To assist with any cases where the online transaction was not completed by a worker or ran in a batch EDBC, a DCR at the end of March and another one at the release date of SCR CA-237913 will be completed. The DCR will occur for the online and batch EDBCs that granted postpartum aid code 76 but were not successfully posted to MEDS. The EW 20 MEDS transactions correctly posted aid code 76 for cases that were ran in the one-time batch for CA-230841.

## **County Action:**

When processing an application that has an individual eligible to postpartum retroactive benefits for the months of January, February, or March 2022, complete an override to grant aid code 76 if applicable. Until the release of SCR CA-240231, send a manual notice of action that includes the postpartum and retroactive eligibility language.

Until the release of SCR CA-237913, when granting aid code 76, complete an online EW 20 MEDS transaction with an ESAC-1 to post the eligibility. The MEDS EW20 transaction for aid code 76 must include:

- 1. Set the ESAC code to 1 for the New Eligibility Period.
- 2. Do not send Term Date and Term Reason fields to MEDS.

If you have questions on this CIT, please reach out to the Primary Contact listed below and cc your Regional Managers.

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