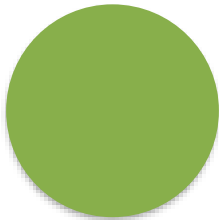




CalSAWS | Policy Update



September 2022

Policy Update

Adoption Assistance Program, Foster Care, Kin-GAP Rate Increase

| Policy Effective Date & State Letter Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| 7/1/2022 ACL 22-59 | SCR CA-242908 Implemented Release 22.07 Priority (8/4/22) CA-242909 Implemented Release 22.07 Priority (8/6/22) | PPM #62388 Implemented COLA Run (7/10/22) | <p>The California Necessities Index (CNI) increase of 6.63 percent, which is applicable to all Adoption Assistance Program (AAP), Foster Care (FC) and Kin-GAP (KG) placements, effective July 1, 2022.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update the rates values in the system• Run batch EDBC on the impacted cases to establish new benefit amounts <p>County Business Process Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inform staff of the rates increases• Review the cases on the batch EDBC lists and take appropriate action. <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on Next Slide-</p> |

Policy Update

Adoption Assistance Program, Foster Care, Kin-GAP Rate Increase

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| 7/1/2022 ACL 22-59 | SCR CA-242908 Implemented Release 22.07 Priority (8/4/22) CA-242909 Implemented Release 22.07 Priority (8/6/22) | PPM #62388 Implemented COLA Run (7/10/22) | CalWIN Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tables with rates updated with new values.• EDBC run for all impacted cases. County Business Process Impact <p>MOCK COLA run, results available for counties 6/28/2022. COLA run process applied 7/10/2022. Batch Exception reports available for counties take appropriate action.</p> |

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 22.11</p> <p>SCR CA-205633 Build Release 22.11</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 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 22.11 SCR CA-205633 Build Release 22.11 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 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>-Continued on Next Slide-</p> |

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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 Build Release 22.11 SCR CA-205633 Build Release 22.11 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

Electronic Benefit Transfer Scam Benefit Code

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| 5/1/2022 ACL 22-27 | SCR CA-225079 Committee Review Release 22.11 | PPM #61815 Design TBD | <p>ACL 22-27 introduces a new electronic benefit transfer (EBT) scam benefit type, Electronic Theft Replacement Cash Benefits Scams (EBTSC). This benefit type is to be used for the reimbursement of cash benefits that the EBT cardholders incur as a result of being scammed. This change facilitates the tracking of scam reimbursements in ebtEDGE. This benefit type applies to CalWORK, CAPI, RCA, TCVAP and GA/GR.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update: Add benefit type, electronic Theft Replacement Scams (EBTSC)</p> <p>County Business Process Impact: Inform staff about the policy in ACL 22-27 and the availability of electronic Theft Replacement Scams - (EBTSC) benefit type in CalSAWS.</p> <p>CalWIN Update: Add benefit type, electronic Theft Replacement Scams (EBTSC)</p> <p>County Business Process Impact: Advise counties of availability of benefit type.</p> |

Policy Update

CalWORKs – MAP and IRT Increase for 2022

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| <p>10/1/2022</p> <p>ACL 22-60</p> <p>ACL 22-53</p> | <p>SCRs CA-239411 Test Release 22.07 Priority (9/8/22)</p> <p>CA-242906 Test Release 22.07 Priority (9/10/22)</p> | <p>PPM #62467 Test COLA Run September 2022</p> <p>PPM #62721 Test September 2022 Off-Cycle</p> | <p>The following are increasing effective October 1, 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CalWORKs (CW) maximum aid payments (MAP) are increasing. This increase includes an 11 percent increase and a temporary 10 percent increase. The temporary 10 percent increase is scheduled to end of September 30, 2024. CW Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) are increasing. Under the Semi-Annual (SAR) and Annual /Child-Only (AR/CO) reporting, recipients are required to report when the assistance unit's total income exceed the IRT. <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add the update TEMP 2250 to the system Mail the TEMP 2250 to applicable recipients (mailing will occur on 8/26/22) Update the CW MAP amounts Update the CW IRT values Update the applicable NOA snippets Run batch EDBC on the impacted cases to establish new benefit amounts <p>County Business Process Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform staff of the increased MAP amounts and IRT values Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC Batch <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on next slide-</p> |

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| <p>10/1/2022</p> <p>ACL 22-60</p> <p>ACL 22-53</p> | <p>SCRs CA-239411 Test Release 22.07 Priority (9/8/22)</p> <p>CA-242906 Test Release 22.07 Priority (9/10/22)</p> | <p>PPM #62467 Test COLA Run September 2022</p> <p>PPM #62721 Test September 2022 Off- Cycle</p> | <p>CalWIN Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add TEMP 2250• Mail the TEMP 2250 to applicable recipients (mailing date TBD, prior to September 1)• Update the CW MAP amounts• Update the CW IRT values• Run batch EDBC on the impacted cases to establish new benefit amounts <p>CalWIN County Business Impact MOCK COLA process kickoff in August. After COLA completes, Client Correspondences available for release. Exception lists posted for counties.</p> |

Policy Update

CalWORKs 48- and 24-Month Time Clock Changes

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| <p>5/1/2022</p> <p>ACL 20-113</p> <p>ACL 20-120</p> <p>ACL 21-89</p> | <p>SCR CA-227816 Implemented Release 22.01</p> <p>SCR CA-217944 Implemented Release 22.03</p> <p>SCR CA-227824 Implemented Release 22.03</p> <p>SCR CA-224269 Implemented Release 22.03</p> <p>SCR CA-232366 Implemented Release 22.03</p> <p>SCR CA-237436 New Release TBD</p> | <p>PPM #58079 Implemented R69 (May 2022)</p> <p>PPM #58211 Implemented R69 (May 2022)</p> | <p>Effective May 1, 2022, adults will be eligible to receive CalWORKs (CW) for a maximum of 60 cumulative and countable months. This 60-month CW time limit replaces the 48-month CW time limit that was implemented July 1, 2011.</p> <p>AB 79 repeals both the Welfare to Work (WTW) 24-month time clock (MTC) and CW federal standards and establishes the CW minimum standards as the sole set of CW hourly participation requirements throughout a client's time on aid, referred to henceforth as CW Hourly Participation Requirements. These changes are effective May 1, 2022.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add the TEMP 3022 to the template repository • Mailed the TEMP 3022 to all active CW recipients on 1/29/2022 • Update the English version of the WTW 2 in the template repository to the State version dated (5/21) • Update functionality related to the former CalWORKs 48 Month Time Limit to the new CalWORKs 60 Month Time Limit, for example, the Cash Aid Time Limit Month Page. • CW month clock task batch jobs will also be updated from 42/46/48 months to 54/57/60 months <p>- Continued on next slide-</p> |

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| <p>5/1/2022</p> <p>ACL 20-113</p> <p>ACL 20-120</p> | <p>SCR CA-227816 Implemented Release 22.01</p> <p>SCR CA-217944 Implemented Release 22.03</p> <p>SCR CA-227824 Implemented Release 22.03</p> <p>SCR CA-224269 Implemented Release 22.03</p> <p>SCR CA-232366 Implemented Release 22.03</p> <p>SCR CA-237436 New Release TBD</p> | <p>PPM #58079 Implemented R69 (May 2022)</p> <p>PPM #58211 Implemented R69 (May 2022)</p> | <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove functionality related to the repeal of the WTW 24 MTC, for example, remove references from the Cash Aid Time Limit Month Page. Update reports, including the Time Limit Report layout to count CalWORKs months based on the updated number of months and remove WTW 24 MTC references. End date WTW 24 MTC non-compliance reasons. Run a batch EDBC process to add timed out individuals in active CW programs back to the CW assistance unit. This batch process will run on April 15, 2022. Provide the following lists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTW noncompliance updated through a DCR Cases where the sanctioned WTW program was updated through a DCR Cases that have an active CW timed out participant in the AU Cases with the CW Extenders end dated as of 4/30/22 <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train county staff on this policy change, inform them of the upcoming system changes and update the cases on the lists as needed. CIT with the lists of impacted cases will be provided after the March 2022 release.</p> <p>- Continued on next slide-</p> |

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Policy Update

CalWORKs Revised Time on Aid Notice of Actions

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| 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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| 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 – Cost of Living Adjustment

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| 10/1/2022 Policy letter is pending | SCRs CA-239411 Test Release 22.07 Priority (9/8/22) CA-242906 Test Release 22.07 Priority (9/10/22) | PPM #62468 Test COLA Run September 2022 | <p>Effective October 1, 2022, the CalFresh (CF) maximum allotments, deduction amounts, including the, Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) and Limited Utility Allowance (LUA), and income eligibility standards will increase.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <p>County Business Process Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inform staff of the increased CF values.• Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC Batch <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on next slide-</p> |

Policy Update

CalFresh – Cost of Living Adjustment

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| 10/1/2022 Policy letter is pending | SCRs CA-239411 Test Release 22.07 Priority (9/8/22) CA-242906 Test Release 22.07 Priority (9/10/22) | PPM #62468 Test COLA Run September 2022 | CalWIN Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Update the CF allotment, SUA, LUA and income eligibility standard valuesRun batch EDBC on the impacted cases to establish new benefit amounts CalWIN County Business Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none">Inform staff of the increased CF valuesException lists provided to counties for appropriate actionManually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC Batch |

Policy Update

Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill)

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| 9/24/2022 ACL 22-62 | SCR CA-245045 Build Release 22.07 Priority (9/18/22) SCR CA-244864 Test Release 22.09 | PPM #62206 Test R70B(Sept 2022) | <p>The requirements to implement changes to the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system, resulting from the enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-334) on December 20, 2018, were extended to the end of September 2022.</p> <p>The 2018 Farm Bill made changes to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The benefit expungement timeframe is amended from 12 months (365 days) to 9 months (274 days). This applies to all benefits subject to expungement rules.• Upon notification of when the entire CalFresh household is deceased any remaining benefits CalFresh benefits shall be expunged. <p>CalSAWS Update: Update the system version of the TEMP NA 1232 to the 9/22 version</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Train county staff on the policy change in ACL 22-62 and inform staff of the system changes in SCR 245045.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on Next Slide-</p> |

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| <p>9/24/2022</p> <p>ACL 22-62</p> | <p>SCR CA-245045 Build Release 22.07 Priority (9/18/22)</p> <p>SCR CA-244864 Test Release 22.09</p> | <p>PPM #62206 Test R70B(Sept 2022)</p> | <p>CalWIN Update: Testing has been initiated.</p> <p>Reference table updated for 30 notification. Changes to the following Notices will be required: M16-120A (6/11) - EBT Dormant Account M16-120B (6/11) - EBT Dormant Account: Suspend M16-120C (8/08) - EBT Dormant Account: Reactivate TEMP NA 1232 (6/11) - Notice of Action - CalFresh EBT Account</p> <p>CalWIN County Business Impact Notices introduced and available for counties use.</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 Test 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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>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

Suspend Transitional Nutrition Benefit Recertifications

| Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference | CalSAWS Status | CalWIN Status | Implementation Details |
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| <p>November 2023</p> <p>ACL 21-131</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. For more details refer to CIT 0317-21.</p> <p>-Continued on next slide-</p> |

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| <p>November 2023</p> <p>ACL 21-131</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 |
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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>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, 2022. Further, CDSS submitted another ABAWD waiver extension, which was approved. The new ABAWD waiver period is July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on Next Slide-</p> |

Policy Update

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

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Policy Update

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

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