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## Electronic Benefit Transfer Scam Benefit Code

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<p>5/1/2022</p> <p><a href="#">ACL 22-27</a></p>	<p><b>SCR CA-225079</b></p> <p>Test Release 22.11</p>	<p><b>PPM #61815</b></p> <p>Implemented R70B (9/2022)</p>	<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><b>CalSAWS Update:</b> Add benefit type, electronic Theft Replacement Scams (EBTSC)</p> <p><b>County Business Process Impact:</b> Inform staff about the policy in ACL 22-27 and the availability of electronic Theft Replacement Scams - (EBTSC) benefit type in CalSAWS.</p> <p><b>CalWIN Update:</b> Add benefit type, Electronic Theft Replacement Scams (EBTSC)</p> <p><b>County Business Process Impact:</b> Advised counties of availability of EBTSC benefit type through CIT 07-5680</p>

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## CalWORKs/Refugee Cash Assistance Resource Limit Increase

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1/1/2023 <a href="#">ACL 22-66</a>	<b>SCR CA-247889</b> Test Release 22.11	<b>PPM #62754</b> Target December 2022	<p>Effective January 1, 2023, the maximum resource limit for CalWORKs (CW) and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) will increase by 6.63 percent. The new maximum resource limit will be \$10,888 or, \$16,333 for Assistance Units (AU) that include at least one member who is aged 60 or older or disabled, for CalWORKs applicants and recipients.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b> Update CW Property Limit and CW Elderly and Disabled Property Limit amounts to the new limits</p> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> Inform staff about the increase to the CW property limit.</p> <p><b>CalWIN Update:</b> Update CW Property Limit and CW Elderly and Disabled Property Limit amounts to the new limits</p> <p><b>CalWIN County Business Impact:</b> Inform counties about the increase to the CW property limit</p>

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## CalWORKs Revised Time on Aid Notice of Actions

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6/20/2018 <a href="#">ACL 18-43</a>	<b>SCR CA-204115</b> New Release TBD	<b>PPM #50566</b> 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"><li>• M40-107(c) – Time On Aid Between 42nd and 46th Month;</li><li>• M40-107(d) – Time on Aid to Former CalWORKs Recipients</li><li>• M40-107(g) – CalWORKs 48th Month on Aid</li></ul> <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><b>CalSAWS Update:</b> 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><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> 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>

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## Suspend Transitional Nutrition Benefit Recertifications

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<p>November 2023</p> <p><a href="#">ACL 21-131</a></p>	<p><b>SCR CA-232171</b> Implemented Release 21.07 Priority (10/8/21)</p> <p><b>SCR CA-232170</b> New Release 23.07</p>	<p><b>PPM #59866</b> 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><b>CalSAWS Update:</b> The following processes will be suspended effective for the November 2021 TNB RCs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TNB 4 generation batch job</li><li>• TNB 5 Generation batch job</li><li>• Recertification Discontinuance batch job</li><li>• TNB Skipped issuance for not received or incomplete RC</li></ul> <p><b>County Business Process Impact:</b> 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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## Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

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<a href="#">ACL 19-93 ABAWD Handbook 2.0</a> <a href="#">ACL 20-18</a>	<p><b>SCR CA-212650</b> Implemented</p> <p><b>SCR CA-214411</b> Implemented</p> <p><b>SCR CA-207637 Phase III</b> Implemented</p> <p><b>SCR CA-215950</b> New Release 23.05</p>	<p><b>PPM #46539</b> Implemented 8/2018</p> <p><b>PPM #47411</b> Implemented 8/2018</p> <p><b>PPM #51360</b> Implemented 8/2019</p> <p><b>PPM #52397</b> Implemented R60 (2/20)</p> <p><b>PPM #54056</b> Implemented March 2020</p> <p><b>PPM #54055</b> Implemented February 2020</p> <p><b>PPM #54084</b> 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><b>Update:</b> 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>

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## Medi-Cal Tuberculosis Income Standard Update

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<p>1/1/2022</p> <p><a href="#">MEDIL I 22-29</a></p>	<p><b>SCR CA-218506</b> Test Release 22.11</p>	<p><b>PPM #62622</b> Off Cycle Release 9/26/2022 Implemented</p>	<p>The Medi-Cal tuberculosis income standard and resource limit increased for 2022.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b> Update TB SSI Income Standard to \$1767.00 effective January 1, 2022.</p> <p><b>County Business Process Impact:</b> Inform staff about income standard increase</p> <p><b>CalWIN Update:</b> Reference table update to increase TB SSI Income Standard effective 1/1/22 to \$1767.00</p> <p><b>County Business Process Impact:</b> Case list of TB individuals to be provided to counties by 10/7/2022</p>