



CalSAWS | Policy Update



December 2022

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ACL 19-13/AB 2030 – Enhance Tracking Special Circumstances

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS Status	CalWIN Status	Implementation Details
1/1/2019 ACL 19-13	SCR CA-221945 Test Release 23.01	N/A	<p>Assembly Bill (AB) 2030 requires any state automated welfare system to include a notification to the caseworker that an applicant or recipient has disclosed a disability or experience of domestic violence or has indicated a need for an accommodation due to disability. This notification must be immediately visible to the caseworker upon opening the applicant's or recipient's file in the system.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add new data collection pages to record an individual's special circumstances and accommodation preferences.• Update the Utility Navigation bar to display a special circumstances icon, when applicable.• Display the Special Circumstance information on the Case Summary page.• Display the Special Circumstance icon on the Worklist page. <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Training staff to complete the Special Circumstances Detail page, when applicable.</p> <p>CalWIN Update: CalWIN has special indicators and there is no CalWIN update needed</p> <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: No Impact</p>

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Refugee Cash Assistance Time Limit Extended to 12 Months

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<p>10/1/2021</p> <p>All County Welfare Directors Letter May 27, 2022</p>	<p>SCR CA-245084</p> <p>Test Release 23.01</p>	<p>PPM 62404/63037</p> <p>October Release 10/2022</p>	<p>On March 28, 2022, the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) issued Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) 22-12, Expansion of the Refugee Cash Assistance(RCA) and Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) Eligibility Period, which extends the RCA/ECA eligibility period from 8 to 12 months to provide eligible refugee populations additional time to integrate into the workforce.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update the RCA EDBC rules to close the program after 12 months for programs activated on or after October 1, 2021.• Update the RCA batch discontinuance process to find cases where the RCA Program has reached its 12 month of eligibility.• Add new RCA Cash Aid Extension Informing Notice for ongoing RCA cases in a one-time mailer.• Update RCA Approval/Denial/Termination Reason Fragment verbiage to reflect 12 months of aid.• Create CalSAWS list of discontinued RCA cases due to over income.• Create CalSAWS list of discontinued RCA cases due to non-compliance. <p>Note: The lists will be provided on the day of the release via CIT.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</p> <p>Inform staff about the changes to the policy and system. Manually work the cases on the list.</p>

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CalWORKs/Refugee Cash Assistance Resource Limit Increase

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1/1/2023 ACL 22-66	SCR CA-247889 Implemented Release 22.11	PPM 62754 December Monthly Release (12/19/22)	<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>CalSAWS Update: Update CW Property Limit and CW Elderly and Disabled Property Limit amounts to the new limits</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Inform staff about the increase to the CW property limit.</p> <p>CalWIN Update: Update CW Property Limit and CW Elderly and Disabled Property Limit amounts to the new limits</p> <p>CalWIN Impact: Inform staff about the increase to the CW property limit.</p>

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Suspend Transitional Nutrition Benefit Recertifications

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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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Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

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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 23.11</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>

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Social Security Admin (SSA) Cost of Living

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<p>1/1/2023</p> <p>ACIN I-72-22</p>	<p>SCR CA-242752 Test Release 22.11 Priority (12/4/22)</p> <p>SCR CA-242753 Test Release 22.11 Priority (12/10/22)</p>	<p>PPM# 63175 December Off-Cycle Release (12/05/2022)</p>	<p>Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients will receive a 8.7 percent cost of living (COLA) increase, effective January 1, 2023.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create new SSA income records effective 1/1/2023 for active individuals receiving SSA income.• Add the 2022 Medi-Cal Pickle values to the systems• Add the 2022 SSI/SSP payment standards to the systems• Add the 2022 Medicare Part B premium amount to the systems• Run batch EDBC to apply the above values to the impacted programs. <p>Note: The tentative run date for the batch EDBC process is 12/10/2022.</p> <p>Batch EDBC memorandum will be provided via CalSAWS Information Transmittal in late November 2022. The batch EDBC memorandum provides details on the batch EDBC process, timeline, and county action for cases not processed by batch EDBC.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC</p> <p>-Continued on next slide-</p>

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