# **Benefit Amount Mismatch**

**Priority Level: 3** 

Programs Impacted: AAP, CalFresh, CalWORKs, Foster Care, Medi-Cal

# **Background**

During the conversion cutover from CalWIN to CalSAWS, the system will run a Batch EDBC job for all active CalWIN cases. If the CalSAWS Batch EDBC results match the last saved CalWIN EDBC result, the system considers the benefits a **match** and saves EDBC. If the CalSAWS Batch EDBC **does not match** the existing saved CalWIN EDBC, the case will be flagged with a Yellow Banner and the <u>Batch EDBC is not saved</u>.

### CalWIN Benefits will roll forward until the next EDBC is run in CalSAWS.

When EDBC is run in CalSAWS, if the last saved CalWIN EDBC benefit result that was determined in the CalWIN system does not match the converted CalSAWS EDBC benefit result. Run EDBC in CalSAWS to find the benefit amount mismatches and compare to the last saved converted CalWIN EDBC. Based on the differences, Users will need to verify the new CalSAWS results, update the data collection records, if applicable, take action based on county policy and authorize the EDBC results.

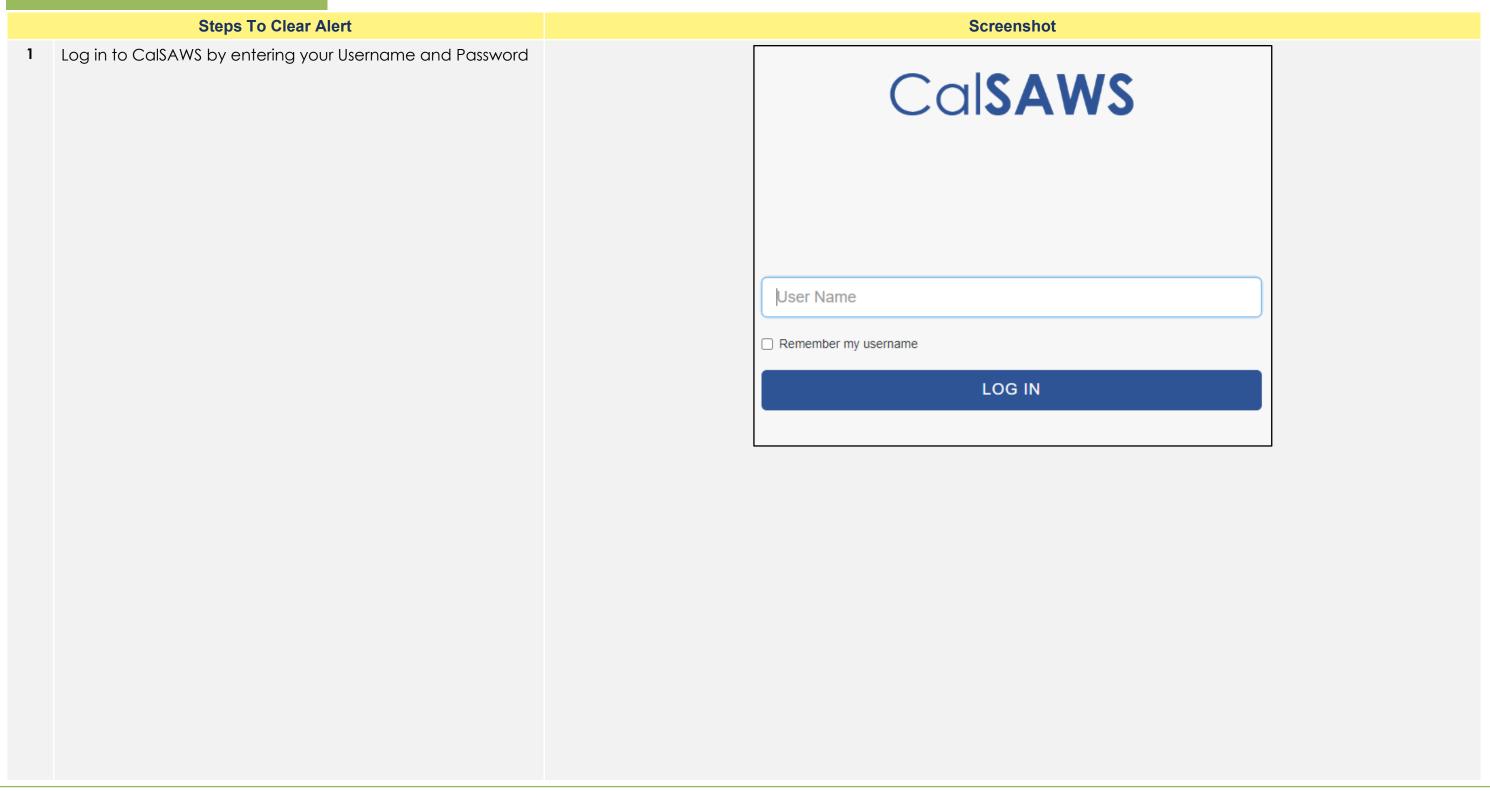
These cases will be identified in the **Conversion EDBC Case Review Report** as follows:

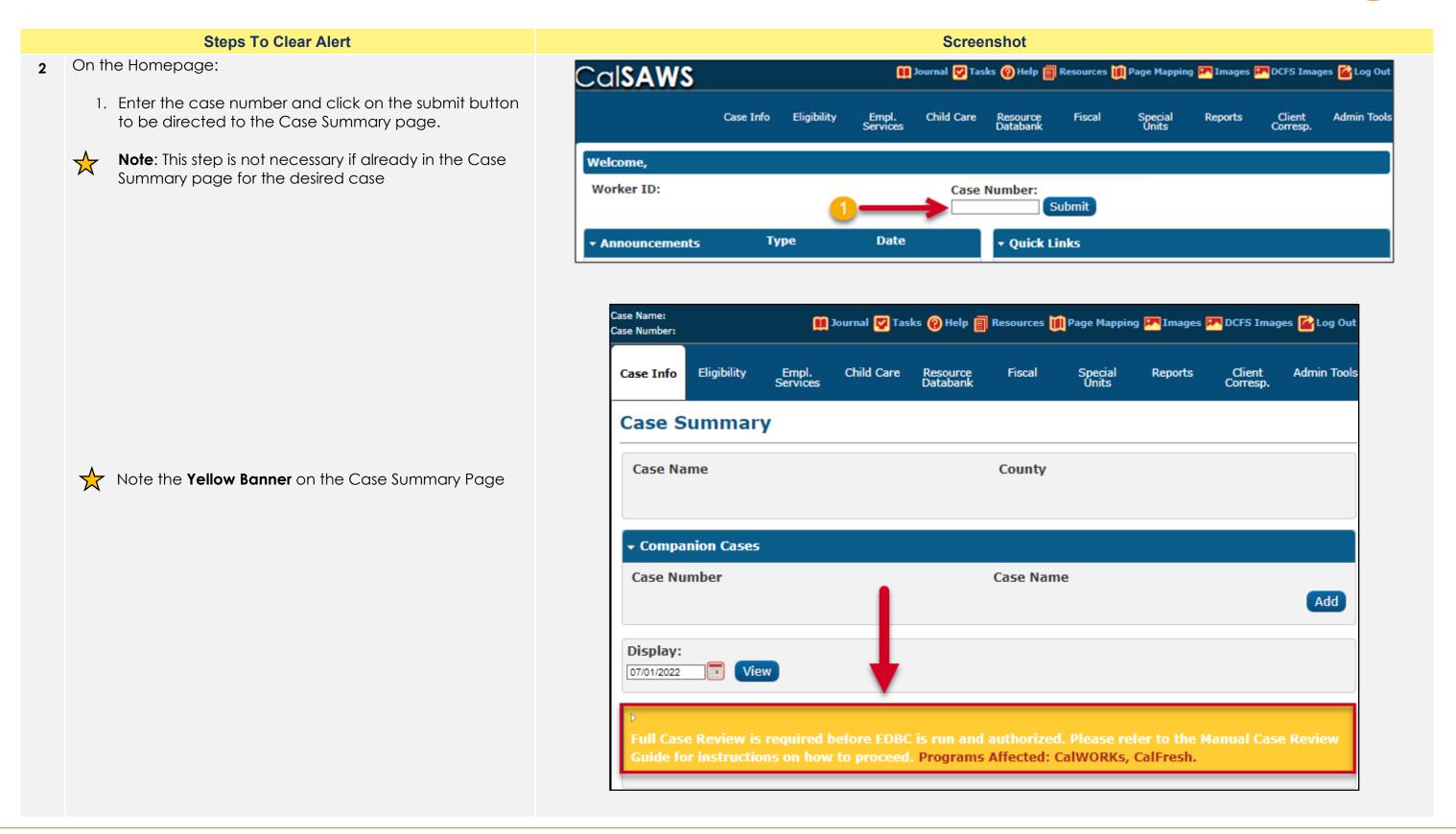
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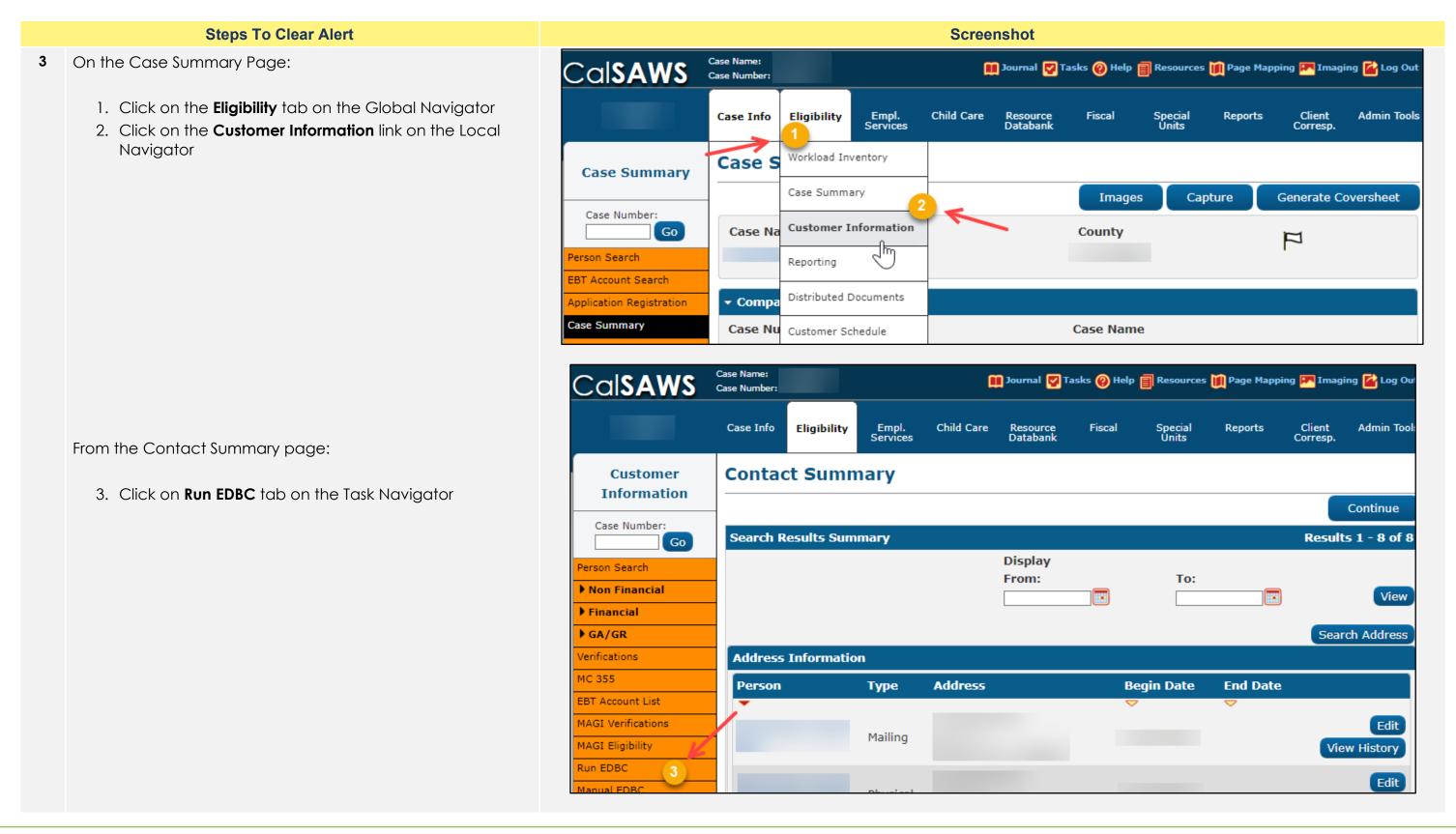
<u>Note:</u> The examples provided in these guides do not represent every scenario that a user might encounter. The scenarios provided below are intended to direct users to the most commonly impacted areas on the Yellow Banner report. A full and thorough review of each case must be conducted to ensure that all of the information is entered as accurately as possible to allow for a correct determination to be made.

# <u>Example</u>

# Benefit Amount Mismatch







- 4 On the Run EDBC page:
  - 1. Select all applicable Programs



Note: Program fields must be selected first or the Begin and End Months will show grayed out.

- 2. Populate your **Begin Month** and **End Month** with the next future Month. **Do not use multi-month EDBC to** clear a Yellow Banner EDBC Mismatch alert.
- 3. Click Run EDBC



Ensure all programs on a case are selected when running EDBC as each program can have its own EDBC Mismatch reason. EDBC Mismatch follows program hierarchy and requires all programs be run at the same time to clear all EDBC Mismatch reasons on a case.

When running EDBC, there are two types of validations that a User may experience if eligibility criteria is missing or pending.

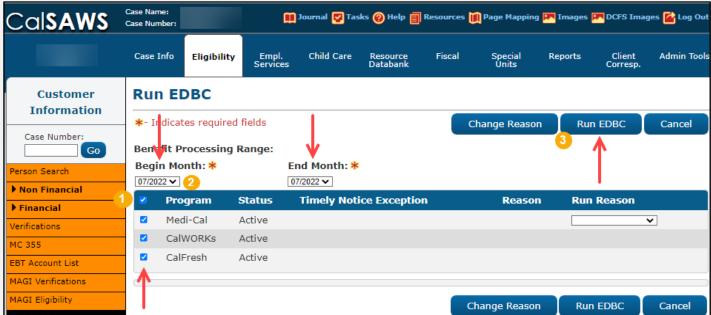
When experiencing a **Hard Validation**, EDBC <u>cannot</u> be run without the appropriate updates made to the data collection pages.

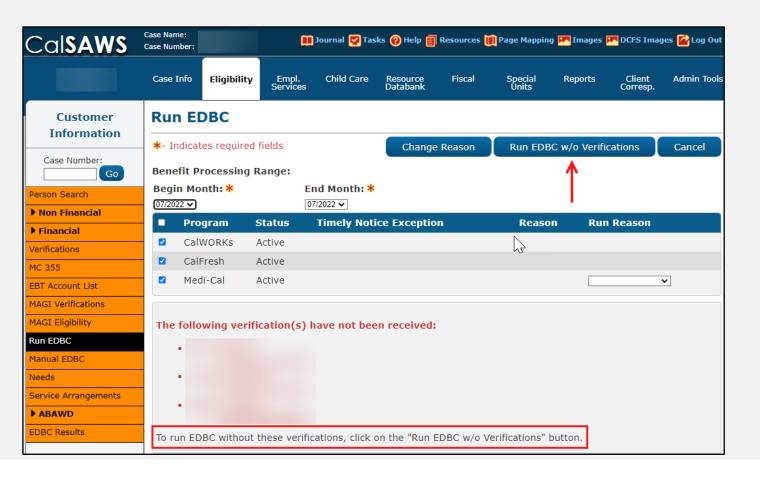
When experiencing a **Soft Validation**, EDBC <u>can</u> still be run without making changes to the data collection pages. Follow your county policy.



**Note:** Although a Soft Validation will allow the user to run EBDC and remove the Yellow Banner, the pending verifications may result in a negative case action and/or potential over issuance. Follow your county policy.

# Screenshot



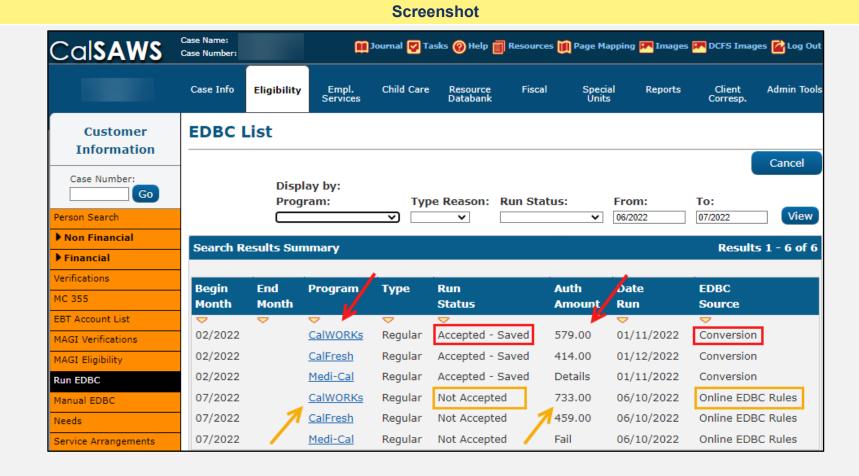


Compare the benefit amount mismatch details with the last CalWIN **Conversion** EDBC run.

Users will need to identify any mismatches in the following areas: income, household size, living expenses, Other Program Assistance (OPA), Noncompliance/Sanctions/Penalties, etc.

Review for any discrepancies within data collection pages that could potentially change the last authorized Benefit Issuance Amount.

In this example, we will review the Converted CalWORKs Budget by first clicking the **CalWORKs link for 02/2022** and compare it against the new CalWORKs Budget by clicking the **CalWORKs link for 7/2022**.



In the CalWORKs Budget block, staff can quickly review, compare, and find any **Unearned Income**, **Earned Income** and **MAP Family Unit Size** discrepancies. Users can click on the hyperlinks to view income used in the EDBC budget.

In the side-by-side example to the right, the **biggest** discrepancy between the converted CalWORKs Budget and the newly run 07/2022 CalWORKs Budget is in **MAP Family Unit Size.** 

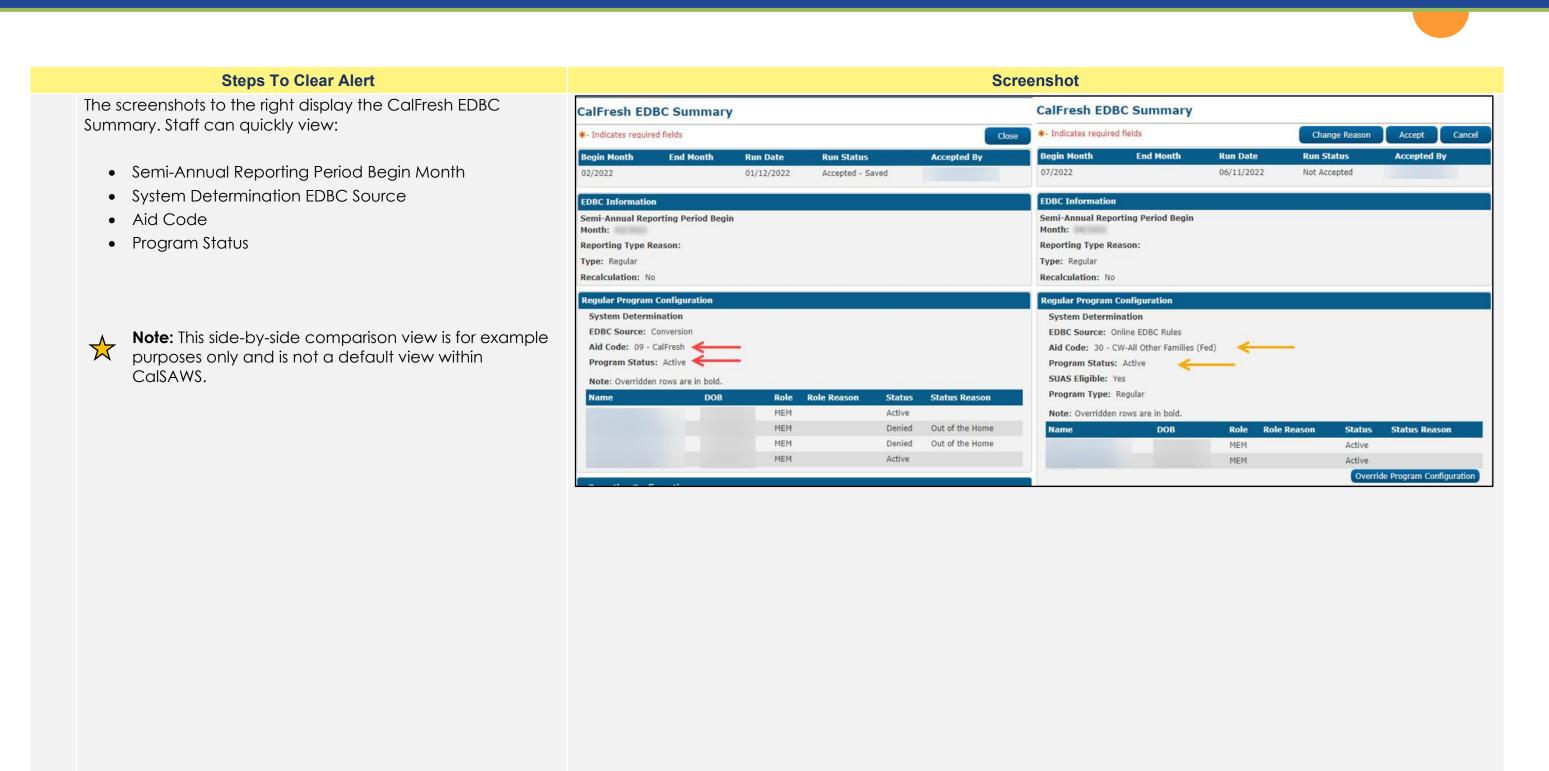
Staff should begin by reviewing all reported and verified household changes in the case.



**Note:** This side-by-side comparison view is for example purposes only and is not a default view within CalSAWS.

#### Screenshot





In the Gross Income Eligibility block, staff can quickly review, compare, and find any **Unearned Income**, **Earned Income** and **Household size** discrepancies.

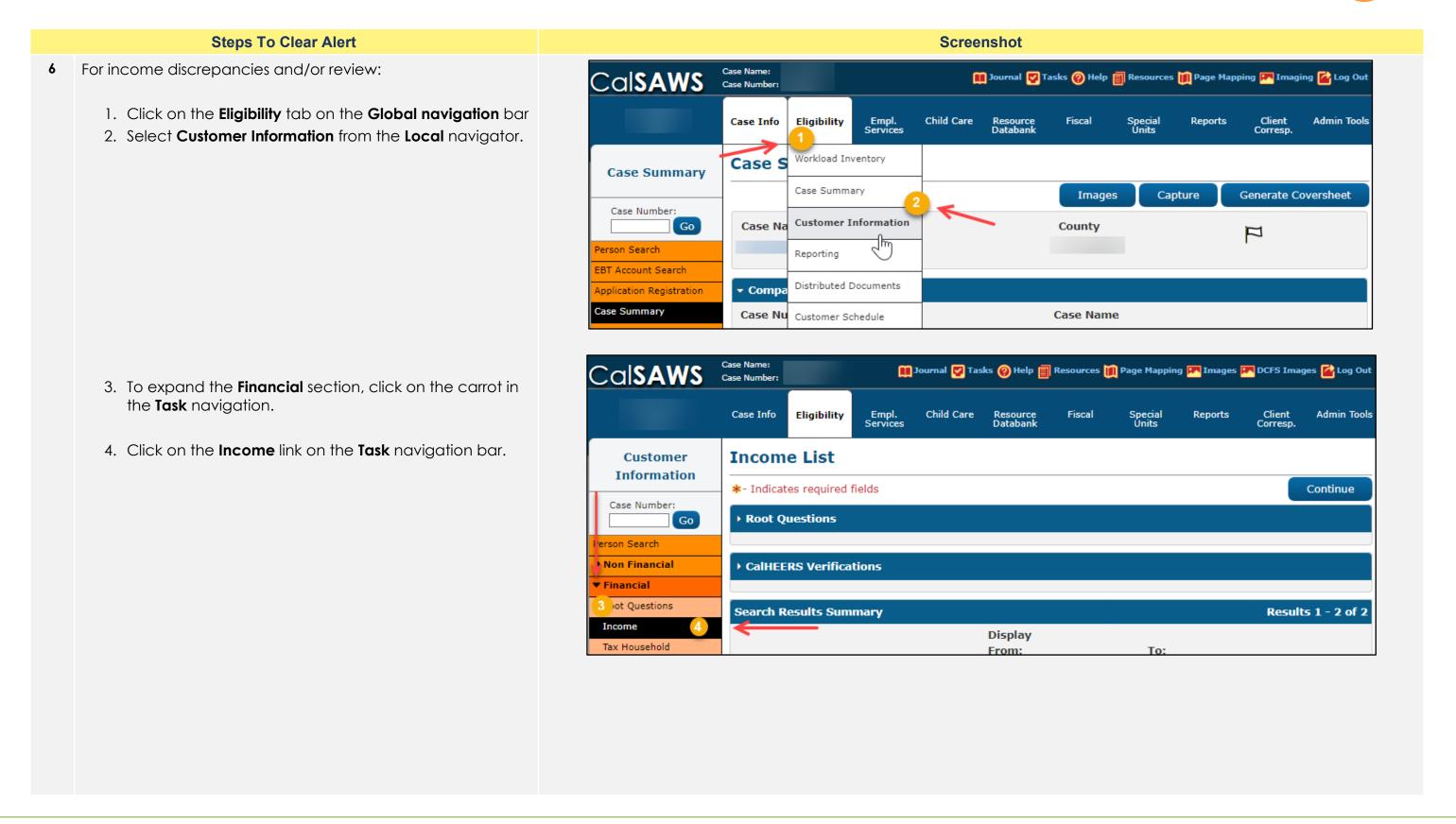
In the Net Income Eligibility block, staff can quickly review, compare, and find any **Excess Shelter Costs and Deduction** discrepancies.

Staff should review all reported and verified **Earned** and **Unearned Income** in the case.



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#### **Screenshot** Gross Income Eligibility Gross Income Eligibility Unearned Income 0.00 Unearned Income 733.00 Earned Income 0.00 0.00 Total Gross Nonexempt Income Total Gross Nonexempt Income 733.00 Household Size Household Size Maximum Gross Income Maximum Gross Income 0.00 0.00 Result Waived Net Income Eligibility Net Income Eligibilit Unearned Income 733.00 733.00 Unearned Income Earned Income 0.00 Earned Income 0.00 Deductions 177.00 177.00 556.00 Total Adjusted Income 556.00 Total Adjusted Income 609.00 Excess Shelter Costs Excess Shelter Costs 597.00 Maximum Shelter Allowance Maximum Shelter Allowance Allowed Shelter Costs 597.00 278.00 Total Net Nonexempt Income Total Net Nonexempt Income 0.00 147.00 Household Size Household Size 0.00 Maximum Net Income 1,452.00 Result Result Waived Pass



For Income Categories, Income Types, Adding, Editing, Viewing, or Removing all income for all persons associated to the case, refer to Job Aid: **JA Income Categories and Types in the System.** 

Additional **Income Quick Guides** available in LMS and **Job Aids** available in CalSAWS:

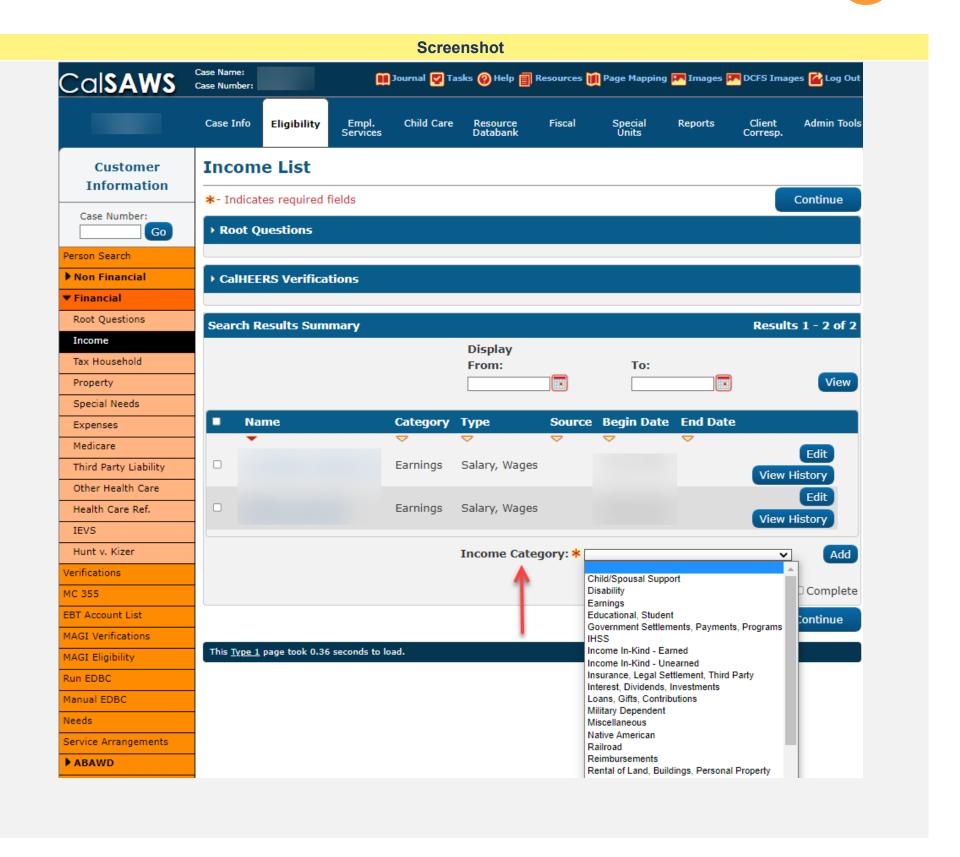
CalSAWS Quick Guide: Potentially Available Income (needs updating, contains C-IV references)

CalSAWS Quick Guide: Sponsorship and Deemed Income (needs updating, contains C-IV references)

JA Foster Care Income and Property Detail Page

JA Medi-Cal – Income In-Kind – Unearned

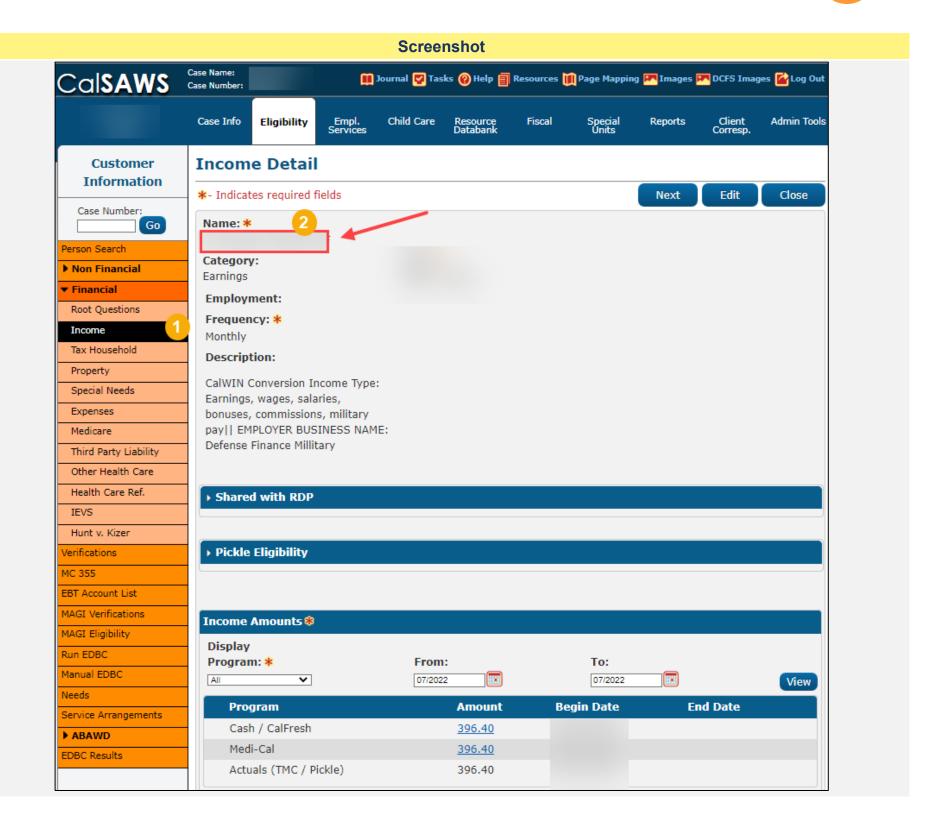
JA SSIAP – SSI (Disability)



In Benefit Mismatch scenarios, there may be an increase in earned/unearned income. To review or correct any Income discrepancies, navigate to the **Income List Page** under the Financial tab:

- 1. Navigate from the **Income List Page**
- 2. Click on the blue, hyperlinked Customer name.

Review income amounts, active/discontinued Programs, Begin and End Dates. Correct any discrepancies, if needed.



7 Steps for Household composition discrepancies:

Review the **Gross Income Eligibility block** and correct any **Household size** discrepancies in the case, if applicable. (Refer back to **Step 5** to find Household Size in the Gross Income Eligibility block)

Review all active Household members within the Program Configuration section of the budget. Ensure appropriate household members are **all listed** and show **active** on the case.

▶ New IRT Calculation						
Categorically Eligible: Yes Eligible for Expedited Service: No Public Assistance: Yes	SUAS Eligible: Yes  Modified Categorical Eligibility: No					
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Property Eligibility	Regular					
Data Month Property:	\$	25.00				
Benefit Month Property:	\$	25.00				
Property Limit:	\$ 2,5	500.00				
Result:						
Gross Income Eligibility	Regular	Regular				
Unearned Income	\$ 2	733.00				
Earned Income	+	0.00				
Total Gross Nonexempt Income	= 7	733.00				
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Maximum Gross Income	\$	0.00				
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Net Income Eligibility	Regular					
Unearned Income	\$ 2	733.00				
Earned Income	+	0.00				
Deductions	- 1	177.00				
Total Adjusted Income	= 5	556.00				
Excess Shelter Costs	\$ <u>6</u>	509.00				
Maximum Shelter Allowance	\$ 5	597.00				
Allowed Shelter Costs	\$ 5	597.00				

To add, edit or view household status information for all individuals associated to the case:

- 1. Place the cursor over **Eligibility** on the **Global navigation bar**.
- 2. Select Customer Information from the Local navigator.
- 3. Click on the **Household Status link** on the **Task navigation bar** to access the **Household Status List** page.

Refer to the following Job Aid available via the **Help Icon** on the Utility Navigator: **Household Status Detail** 

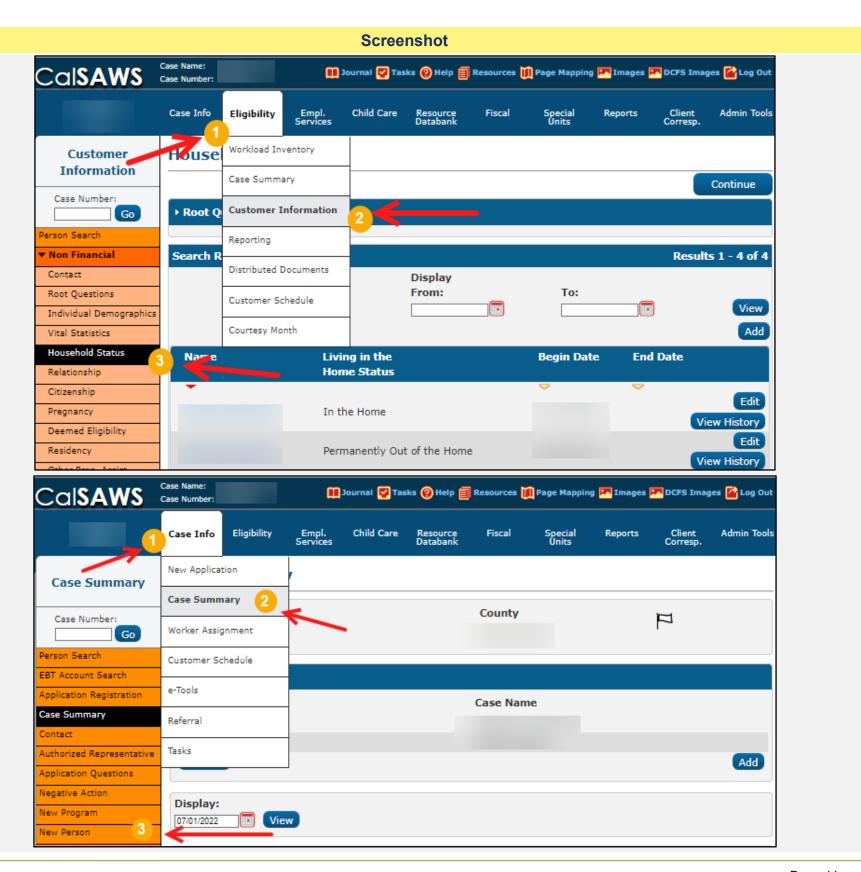
To add a person that exists in CalSAWS/to add a person that does not exist in CalSAWS:

- 1. Place the cursor over **Case Info** on the **Global** navigation bar.
- 2. Select Case Summary from the Local navigator.
- 3. Expand the **New Person** link on the **Task** navigation bar.

Refer to the following Job Aid available via the **Help Icon** on the Utility Navigator: **JA Add a Person to an Existing Case** and **Existing Program** 

Additional **Quick Guides** available in LMS **and Job Aids** available in CalSAWS:

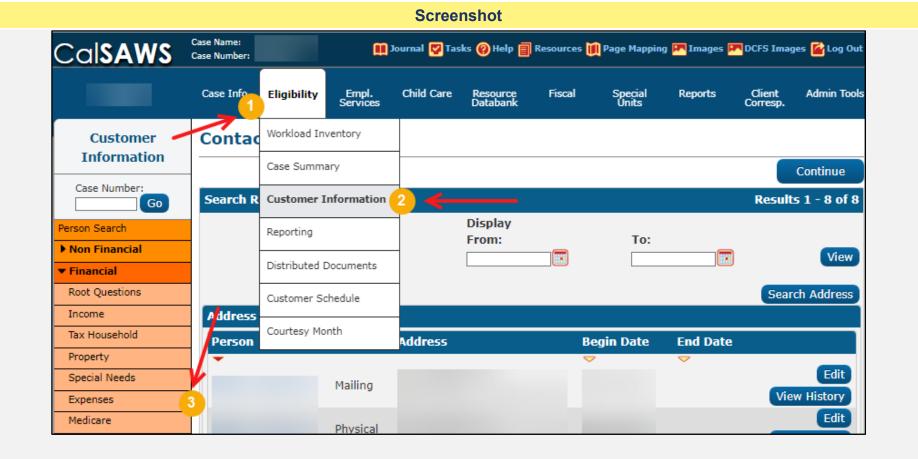
Duplicate Persons (CIN) – Identify and Document



- To correct any Living Expense discrepancies, navigate to the **Expense Amount Detail** page.
  - 1. Click on the **Eligibility** tab on the **Global navigation** bar.
  - 2. Select **Customer Information** from the **Local** navigator to expand the **Financial** link on the **Task** navigation bar.
  - 3. Click on the **Expenses** link.

To view, add, or edit the details of an expense, refer to the following Job Aid located in the **Help Icon** on the Utility Navigator: **JA Expense Management** 

- Expense Categories
- Expense List Page
- Complete Expense Detail Page
- Add/Edit Self-Employment Expense
- Add/Edit SUA/LUA/TUA
- Add/Edit Shelter/Utility Expense
- Shared Expenses



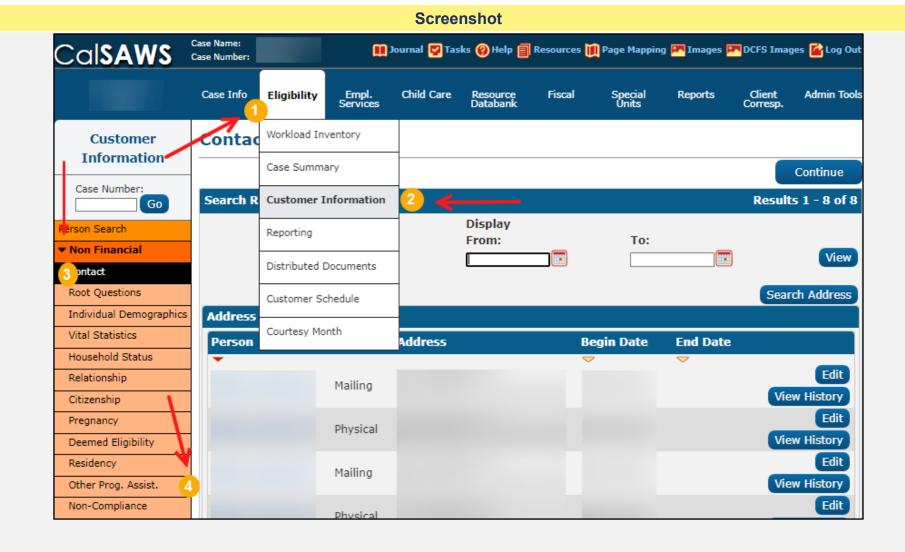
For Other Program Assistance (**OPA**) discrepancies, navigate to the Other Program Assistance Detail page:

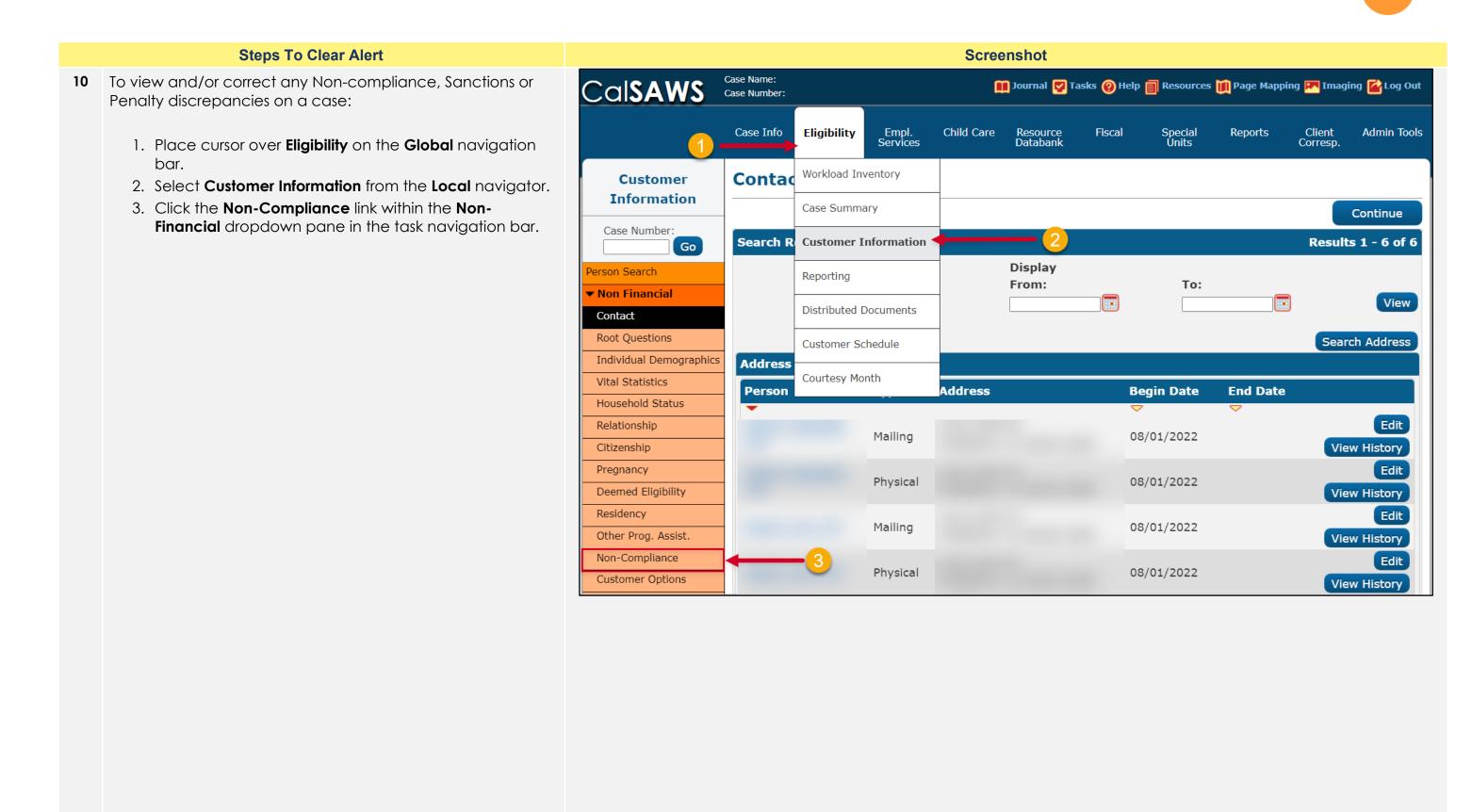


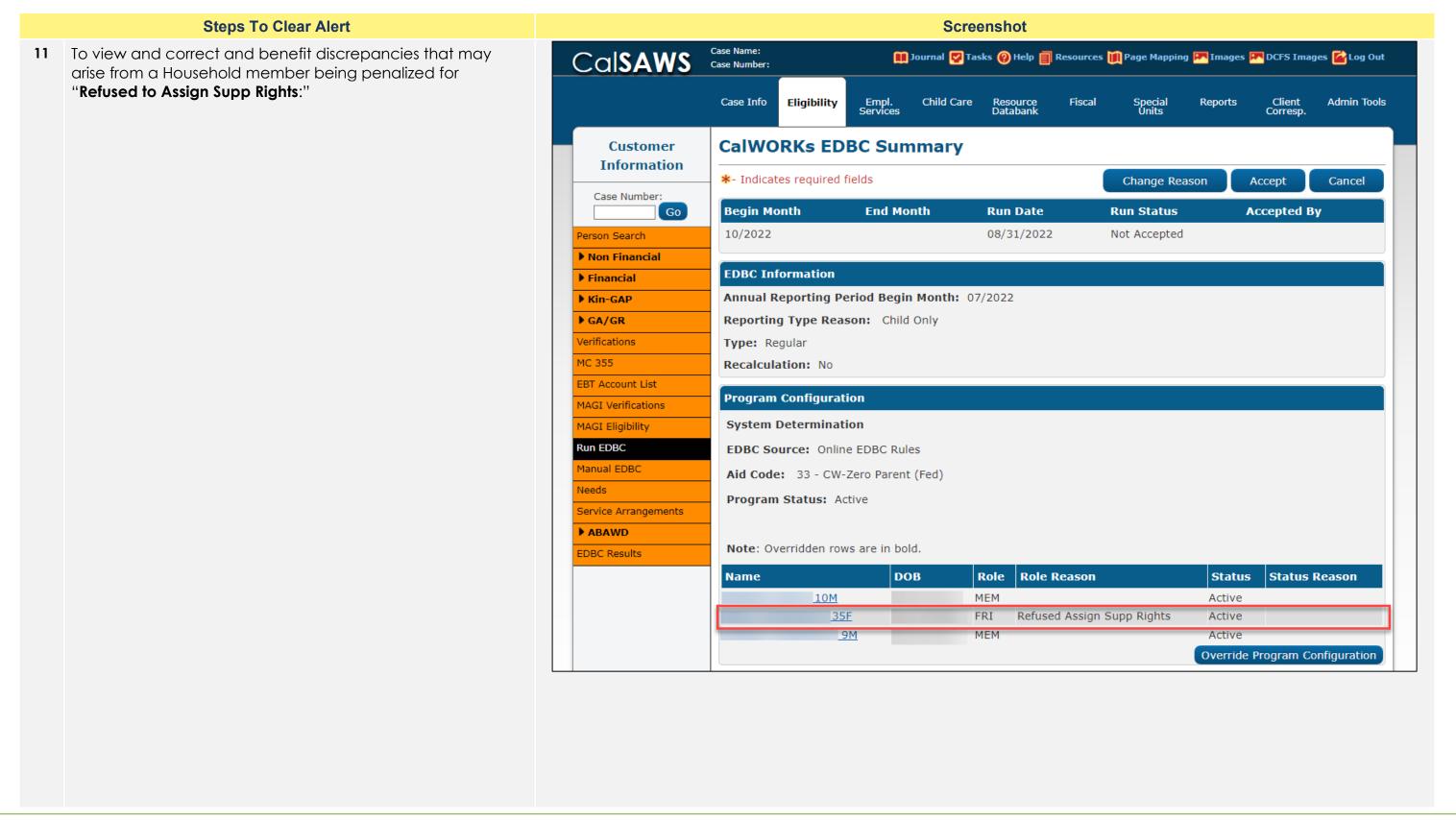
**OPA** – when an applicant receives benefits or assistance from another program such as: Adoption Assistance Program, Adult Protective Services, CAPI, Cal-Learn, SSI/SSP, etc.

- 1. Click on the **Eligibility** tab on the **Global navigation** bar.
- 2. Select **Customer Information** from the **Local** navigator.
- 3. Expand on the **Non-Financial** link in the **Task** navigation bar.
- 4. Click the **Other Program Assistance** link on the **Task navigation** bar.

To view, add, or edit the details of an expense, refer to the following Job Aid located in the **Help Icon** on the Utility Navigator: **JA Other Program Assistance (OPA) Detail Page** 







#### **Steps To Clear Alert** Screenshot 1. Place the cursor over **Eligibility** on the Global Calsaws 🔟 Journal 🛂 Tasks 🔞 Help 📋 Resources 🔟 Page Mapping 💌 Images 💌 DCFS Images 🕍 Log Out navigation bar. 2. Select **Customer Information** from the Local navigator. Empl. Services Eligibility Child Care **Admin Tools** Case Info Client Corresp. 3. Click the **Absent Parents** link on the Task navigation bar to access the Absent/Unmarried Parent List page. 4. Click the **Name** hyperlink, the **Add** button or the **Edit** button to access the Support Questionnaire page in SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES (MEDI-CAL ONLY) View, Add, or Edit mode, respectively. Do you want other child support enforcement services? 5. Review the information to determine if the support rights information is correct. If this information must be changed, select either the **Edit** button to update the Certification and Agreement existing entry, or the **Add** button to add a new entry. 6. Click **Save** to confirm any updates. Assign Child/Spousal Support Rights **End Date** Туре **Begin Date** I refuse to assign child/spousal support rights 07/07/2016 07/01/2015 I refuse to assign child/spousal support rights 07/08/2016 01/02/2018 I refuse to assign child/spousal support rights 01/03/2018 Assign Medical Support Rights Begin Date **End Date** I refuse to assign medical support rights 07/01/2015 07/07/2016 I refuse to assign medical support rights 07/08/2016 01/02/2018 I refuse to assign medical support rights 01/03/2018 **Child Support Cooperation Begin Date End Date** Туре 07/01/2015 07/07/2016 Do not agree to cooperate Do not agree to cooperate 07/08/2016 01/02/2018 Do not agree to cooperate 01/03/2018

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To view and correct CalFresh benefit discrepancies that arise from "Foster Care Transitional Housing Payments" being counted toward CF EDBC results:

Users will need run EDBC for the Foster Care and CalFresh Programs in a specific sequence.

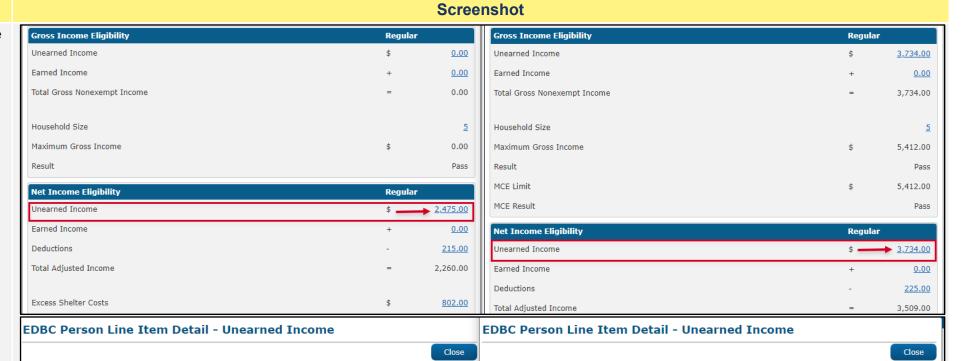
Converted EDBCs may not be populating the **Transitional** Housing Benefit Amount, and thus the income is not excluded from the CF case. EDBCs for the come-up month exclude that amount as expected.

Review and compare details within the **Unearned Income** hyperlink to review the type and amount of Foster Care income used in CF budgeting.

Access the active **Foster Care** case of the HH member feeding into the CalFresh budget and run EDBC for the Foster Care Program separately to determine the appropriate Foster Care payment rate and type.

Accept and Save the Foster Care EDBC results before navigating back to the CalFresh Case to run EDBC with the appropriate payment levels and types.

(An override may ultimately be needed to correct the benefit amount.)



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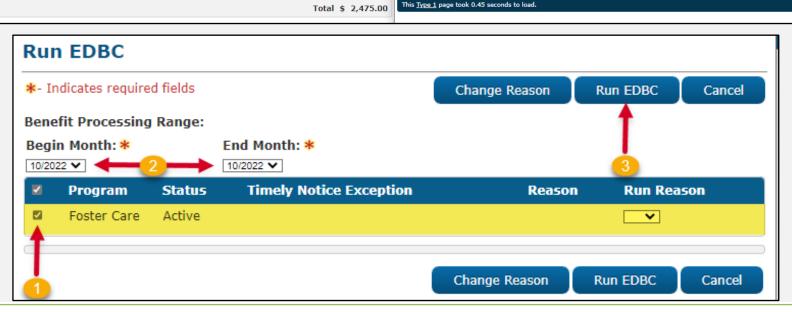
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To view and correct Benefit Mismatches resulting from a CalWORKs child receiving Child Support requesting exclusion due to Senate Bill 380 (MMO - Medi-Cal Member Only Role):

Users will need to review the **Income List** in the case to ensure that the child requesting exclusion has an Income record for **Child Support** received.

The **Customer Options** page allows you to specify which child(ren) is being excluded from the CalWORKs MAP determination.

Navigate to **Customer Options** link in the task navigation pane and select the record of the **Optional Child** to review and ensure the appropriate options have been set.

Failure to do so may result in incorrect benefits being issued.

# In Customer Options Detail page:

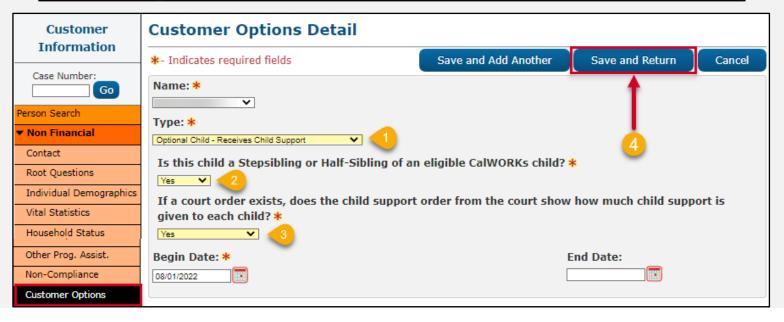
- 1. Select: Optional Child Receives Child Support
- 2. Indicate whether the child is stepsibling/half-sibling of an eligible CW AU member
- 3. Indicate whether a court order for support exists, and indicates a specific support amount per child
- 4. Click **Save and Return**, then navigate back to Run EDBC.

EDBC will determine if the child meets all requirements to exclude from the CalWORKs AU MAP based on the information on the Customer Option Detail page and the Income page.

#### Screenshot







14 Once Users review all active case programs for any potential data collection discrepancies and make appropriate updates, Users will navigate back to the **Run EDBC page** to access, review, accept and save the new EDBC budget results.



If the EDBC results are not what you expected, you will need to Troubleshoot. Review the case and data collection pages to verify the information was entered correctly. Correct any data entry errors. Then, run EDBC again. Accept EDBC results if results are as expected.

Do **NOT** Accept or Save EDBC Results that you think may be wrong.

You will have the option to preview the NOA before it is sent out to the Applicant/Participant, by clicking the Preview NOAs button after EDBC results have been accepted.

Follow your county policy when Troubleshooting EDBC Results.

