

CalSAWS | Foster Care Committee Meeting (November 2022 Minutes)

Date: 11/15/2022	Location: Call In Meeting Only
Time: 1:30 PM-3:30 PM	Meeting Called by: Ignacio Lazaro
Attendees: Region 1: Selia Johnson, Maria Pacheco, Region 2: Stacey Jackson, Julie Sato-Ruzich, Holly Hashimoto Region 3: Gabrielle Anderson, Maria Oliver, Brandy Foushee, Region 4: Pam Townsend, Michelle Hernandez, Frank Hernandez, Adam Bacon, Yvonne Martinez Region 5: Michelle Villa for Wendy Marshall, Kali Sorrels-Goode, Bridget Salazar, Cathleen Orr Region 6: Kimberly Wilkerson, Ana Adame, Latrice Anderson, Odet Tahmassian, Stephanie Sandoval CalSAWS: Ignacio Lázaro, Laura Ould, Paul Galloway, Tom Lazio, Corey Morris, Michelle Ramos, Sarah Cox, Vallari Bathala, Tiffany Huckabee, Suzette QA	

Meeting Notes: Region 5 is responsible

Topic	Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCR CA-237399: ACL 21-139 Tracking Requirements for Otherwise Fed Eligible Children Whose Placement Do Not Meet the Requirements for Fed Payments Provided overview of recommendations and functionality; the SCR will be sent to read and send comments. Will only affect STRTP, GH and CTF placement types, and staff need not complete for non-federal cases. Description of changes – 2.1.3, will add a QRTP section to the child placement detail. Frank (R4) – Will there be any automatic Task for EWs to visit screen? Laura – The designers are thinking users will want to set their own Task based on their own county's operations/procedures. Review of the changes in 2.1.3. QI Assessment completed by date to be entered. Court determination date will behave similar to assessment – date court reviewed the placement, and a Yes or No for whether the Court determined STRTP placement is appropriate. Accredited – select yes or no; the begin date for start date of accreditation will be a required field when 'yes' is selected. Kali (R5) – purpose of date for Accreditation? Paul - Part of eligibility piece; we did not actually get to explore it. 2.2 Eligibility: Add New FC Aid Code Sub Type Codes – changes are for the claim, not changing for eligibility side but to help fiscal to do reports. Overview – to add new sub type codes to the code tables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of QI Assessment Review for Court Determination Non-STRTP Res Fac No FFP The new Sub type codes are not super specific—they are limited to the ones provided by CDSS, because those are the ones on the Fiscal claim. 2.3.2 0 FC EDBC summary mockups – shows the new sub type codes to be set when the QRTP fields are completed and indicate a requirement was not met for a STRTP/GH/CTF Placement with a begin date that is not before 10/1/2021. Only one sub type code can be set. If a new sub-type code should take precedence, then the user will need to re-complete the QRTP section 	Vallari Bathala

and re-run EDBC. Ex: If placement is not accredited, federal for up to 14 days; but if QI assessment is not completed timely, then there is no federal funding for the placement at all, and a different sub-type code is needed. The federal aid code is not changed, because there are Administrative costs that can still be claimed to federal funding.

There was group discussion regarding the input and implications for meeting timeframes and correct claiming by Fiscal.

Will counties have to update this information in their cases? Counties will decide how to implement as CalSAWS will not automatically apply it to cases.

** If fed eligible, but FFPSA requirements not met regarding Assessment, QI, etc. aid code will not change to state, but claiming will change by fiscal.

- **SCR CA-52226: DCFS: Add KG 1, KG 2, KG 3 Form DCFS 1725 and DCFS 2322 KG Form Automation**

Tiffany Huckaby

Figure out if would be feasible to request to generate the above forms (state forms KG 1, 2 & 3) prior to youth turning 18 – LA request to go out 3 mos. prior to minor turning 18. Do other counties want to do this? The forms are currently being sent manually to youth.

Question: Would forms go out together? LA sends out together.

This has been brought up by R6 before, do other counties want to send out?

Tiffany (Correspondence lead) said that the DCFS 1725 is LA's school attendance form, but they can look at developing a general form for all counties. Will send out DCFS 1725 for counties to review and provide feedback.

Tiffany said that they can take the SCR back and add in some triggers so that the KG 1 goes out if the child entered KG before age 16 along with the school attendance form, and the KG 3 goes out if the child entered KG after age 16 (no school attendance form needed). Once the SCR is updated and sent back out, the counties will have to review and discuss. The different forms can be generated separately or as a bundle. Counties seem interested to look into it.

- **SCR CA-48379: Update AAP 3 Form Generation**

Laura Ould

Laura (BA) opened discussion of using the Customer Reporting under the Eligibility tab to issue the AAP 3, since this was the original plan for the SCR. When used, this functionality issues the AAP 3 and prevents the user from running EDBC until the user/system has marked the form in Customer Reporting as having been returned. If the packet is not returned, at end of RE month, case will be discontinued.

State says we cannot discontinue if the AAP 3 is not returned. If we don't want to use the Customer Reporting page, let CalSAWS know as it is being worked on now. A CFRI will be sent to the counties.

- **SCR CA-233168: ACL 21-137/ACL 21-137E Guaranteed Income Pilot Program**

Sarah Cox/Tom Lazio

Counties can request that Guaranteed Income (GI) be exempt for FC and KG. Impacts MC program where some projects are taxable for MAGI MC. (Info from Overview). Six new income types for GI being added. Showed what it will look on the Income Detail page. In 2.4.2, shows how it will look like in FC, will be exempt for FC program. Matched the CW program with KG. because the State has said KG follows CW income rules, and in the SCR, there are some situations where the GI income is not exempt for CW.

However, Laura (BA) said that if we make it unearned for KG, the Exempt for FC/KG box on the Income Detail goes away (for that income type) and the user would have to use a workaround. If we count as unearned, we will not be able to check the box to count as exempt for FC. It will always be counted as unearned. Paul (SCR Developer) said that the system could be updated to treat NRLG (which is not impacted by ACL 22-16) to have it be unearned and otherwise have it be Exempt for FC, but that would be a lot of programming. Discuss with staff to decide to increase the scope for NRLGs to make it as exempt or unearned? Changes in scope will cause an increased cost for the SCR.

Kali (R5) - if choose to Exempt and it turns out it should be Unearned for NRLG or KG youth, then staff will have to use a work around. Laura (BA) pointed out that if we have it as Unearned, and another program that the youth is active on (most likely CalFresh) adds GI income, then it will be counted in the KG EDBC, because income is person-level data.

It looks like GI is not being implemented by all counties, and the rules for implementation (in terms of who can get GI) will vary from county to county. So, it is possible that in some counties, FC/KG youth will not be able to get GI at all.

Workarounds may be needed dependent on how counties will opt to implement (or implement at all). If we make it Exempt for FC and KG across the board, and then a FC/KG user needs to count it, they can enter as an Income Type of Other (or override the EDBC) to count it.

The group requested Paul to update the design document with options available and some of the information above (like the impact to the Exempt for FC/KG button) and send back out to the counties, to be able to make an informed decision.

Decision needed soon.

Question asked where does it say what income is counted or how?

ACL 22-16 doesn't specifically say whether GI income is exempt but does say that income in general is not counted against the FC, grant.

** Note: this does not include NRLG, Kin-GAP or Emergency Caregiver benefits, per CDSS.

ACL 22-137 says which income is exempt or unearned. (CW/CF)

Discussion shows that Exempt it going to be the choice, but Paul will update the Design Doc and send it out for review. Kali (R5) – how long will we have to get county vote? A: Respond within one week.

- **SCR CA-203208:** Send MEDS Non-Extended Aid Codes for Foster Care & Kin-GAP Infants (Change in JIRA)
FYI - There has been a change in other policy items and will have to go back to TBD. There is a work around in JIRA to use.
- **SCR CA-251771:** Add Wrap Around as a Program Type in CalSAWS
Will be discussed at next meeting.

Open Region Discussion

- **WRAPAROUND- Open table discussion on county processes**
Will discuss at next meeting.

Open for ALL Counties



Prioritization will be shown to counties at a later date.

#	Action Item	Assigned To	Assigned Date	Due Date	Status
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#	Decision Made	Who Made the Decision	Date
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