



CalSAWS | Policy Update



January 2023

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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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Mass Mailer to Inform Recipients that CalFresh Emergency Allotments Are Ending

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February 2023 ACL is TBD	SCR CA-251253 Approved Release 23.01	PPM 63206 Off Cycle 1/14/2023	<p>Per CDSS the Omnibus/Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, was approved, therefore, ending CalFresh (CF) Emergency Allotments (EAs). The last month of CF EAs will be for the month of February 2023.</p> <p>EA issuance plan, dates are TBD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 2023 – Issue February 2023 EA benefits• April 2023 – Issue February EAs for cases where the application was processed after the March 2023 issuance date.• May 2023 – Issue February EAs for cases where the application was processed after the March and April EA issuance date. <p>CalSAWS Update: Mail the CF 502 to all active CF and TCF households. Mailing date is TBD.</p> <p>County Business Process Impact: Inform staff about the CF EA benefits ending and the timing of the mass mailer to recipients.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Continued on next slide-</p>

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	SCR CA-251253 Approved Release 23.01	PPM 63206 Off Cycle 1/17/2023	<p>CalWIN Update: Inform recipients about the CF EA benefits ending via mass mailer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CF 502 implemented in October 2022.• Implementation of changes from Final version received from DHCS will be included in Production 1/15/2023• Insert the CC Mass Mailer 1/16/2023 in the database for Online Print Mode• The CC team will release inserts beginning on 1/17/2023• The PDF files will be arrive at the print center 1/18/2023• All of the mass mailers will be sent by 1/23/2023 <p>County Business Process Impact: Inform staff about the CF EA benefits ending and the timing of the mass mailer being sent to recipients.</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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MEDIL I-22-01 Federal COVID PHE Additional Contact Requirement

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Upon Automation in SAWS MEDIL I 22-01	CA-239741 Approved Release 23.01	PPM 61972 Implemented Release 69B 1/2022	<p>If the beneficiary has not returned the annual renewal forms or has not otherwise provided all the requested information during the 60 days after the annual renewal form is sent, counties shall attempt to contact the beneficiary to request the needed information. As a best practice, counties are recommended to contact the beneficiary at least 30 days after sending the annual renewal form when no information has been received. This additional contact is being required as part of ongoing strategies to ensure individuals retain enrollment after the federal COVID-19 PHE ends.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update the Initial Medi-Cal (MC) automated reminder job generation date• Update the MC Reminder Notice scheduling to trigger the 2nd MC Reminder Notice• Update batch MC Discontinuance Sweep job and Non-MAGI Discontinuance Sweep job to look for 2nd MC Reminder Notice <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Inform staff about the changes to the policy and system.</p>

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<p>Upon Automation in SAWS</p> <p>MEDIL I 22-01</p>	<p>CA-239741 Approved Release 23.01</p>	<p>PPM 61972 Implemented Release 69B 1/2022</p>	<p>CalWIN Update: CalWIN will modify to automate the additional annual renewal contact by mail and will auto trigger in batch an additional CSC 108 reminder letter 30 days after the renewal packet is sent.</p> <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: Inform staff about the changes to the policy and system.</p>

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2023 Federal Poverty Level Increase

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<p>Jan- April 2023</p> <p>Draft ACWDL received on 10/7/22</p>	<p>CA-242754 New Release 23.01 (schedule for a priority release on 2/9/23)</p> <p>CA-242755 Design in Progress Release 23.02 (2/18/23)</p>	<p>PPM 63812 Design Off Cycle 2/18/2023</p> <p>PPM 63436 Design Off Cycle 2/18/2023</p>	<p>Many assistance programs use Federal Poverty Limits/Levels to set eligibility criteria. The limits are annual and derive from numbers updated in the Federal Register by the U.S Department of Health and Human Services.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add the updated FPL values to the system • Run batch EDBC for Medi-Cal cases for the applicable benefits months • Batch memorandum will be sent via CIT at the end of January 2023 <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC process.</p> <p>CalWIN Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add the updated FPL values to the system • Run batch EDBC for Medi-Cal cases for the applicable benefits months • CalWIN to run FPL COLA on 2/18/2023 with COLA effective date of 4/1/2023 • CalWIN modifying COLA process to be in alignment with CalSAWS <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC process.</p>