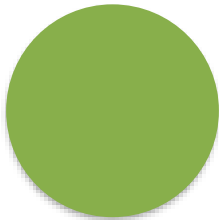




CalSAWS | Policy Update



February 2023

Policy Update

Afghan and Ukrainian Special Immigrant Parolee and Lawful Permanent Resident Status

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<p>July/August 2021</p> <p>ACWDL – 8/30/2021</p>	<p>SCR CA-232960 Test Release 23.03</p>	<p>PPM 59953 / PPM 59984</p> <p>October 2021 Off Cycle Release</p>	<p>In California, Special Immigrant Parolee (SIPs) are eligible to receive benefits and services, which include Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA), Refugee Social Services (RSS), ORR funded programs, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids (CalWORKs), Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) if they are found to be ineligible for Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP), and CalFresh, subject to meeting income and other eligibility requirements</p> <p>CalSAWS Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add new document types and section codes to the Citizenship Status Detail page• Update eligibility requirements for CW, RCA, CF, CAPI, CFAP programs to provide benefits for the additional citizenship categories• Update eligibility requirements for GA/GR program to provide benefits for the additional citizenship categories• Update eligibility requirements for Medi-Cal program to provide benefits for the additional citizenship categories• Update eHit to send immigration information to CalHEERS• Update Daily Batch and RECON transactions to send MEDS code 'R' <p>County Business Process Impact: Inform county staff about the policy change and system changes in SCR CA-232960.</p> <p>-Continued on next slide-</p>

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Policy Update

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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Policy Update

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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Policy Update

ACL 21-118 – CalFresh Over Issuance Compromise for Household with Elderly and/or Disabled Members

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS	CalWIN Status	Implementation Details
Upon Completion of Automation ACL 21-118	CA-228466 Design Release 23.09	PPM 60416 Release 70 August 2022	<p>CWDs will compromise Administrative Errors (AE) and Inadvertent Household Errors (IHE) claims for active and inactive households that include at least one elderly and/or disabled member. AE and IHE claims must be compromised according to household composition and participation status at the time of discovery. For more information refer to ACL 21-118.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update: This SCR is awaiting design to begin.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCR CA-228466</p> <p>CalWIN Update: Allow for CalFresh over issuances to be compromised and update the following Notices of Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CF 377.7B CalFresh Over issuance Notice for Inadvertent Household Errors (IHE)• CF 377.7B1 CalFresh Repayment Final Notice for Inadvertent Household Errors (IHE)• CF 377.3D3 CalFresh Over issuance Notice for County Administrative Error (AE)• CF 377.7D2 CalFresh Repayment Final Notice - County Administrative Error (AE) <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: Inform staff about the changes to the policy and system.</p>

Policy Update

ACL 21-123 Expectant Parent Payment

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS	CalWIN Status	Implementation Details
January 1, 2022 ACL 21-123	CA-231834 Design Release 23.07	No System Impact	<p>ACL 21-123 introduces an expectant parent payment for pregnant minors and nonminor dependents (NMDs) three months prior to the expected due date, in accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 153. This payment will be in addition to the infant supplement payment which begins the month of birth.</p> <p>CalSAWS Update: This SCR is awaiting design to begin.</p> <p>CalSAWS County Business Impact: Unknown pending design completion for SCR CA-23184</p> <p>CalWIN Update: Counties will use the Non-System Determined Issuance (NSDI) process to issue these payments.</p> <p>CalWIN County Business Impact: Inform staff about the changes to the policy and how to issue the NSDI payments.</p>

Policy Update

MEDIL I-22-01 Federal COVID PHE Additional Contact Requirement

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS	CalWIN Status	Implementation Details
Upon Automation in SAWS MEDIL I 22-01	CA-239741 Approved Release 23.03	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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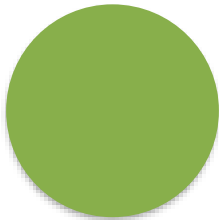
2023 Federal Poverty Level Increase

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS	CalWIN Status	Implementation Details
<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>



CalSAWS System Change Requests

Supporting Continuous Coverage Unwinding activities



CalSAWS SCRs for Unwinding of Continuous Coverage

SCR Number	Description	Release Date	Status (as of 2/8/2023)
CA-214453	<p>Update Medi-Cal Batch Protection for PHE to prepare for PHE Lift.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a configurable date to the Batch PHE protection to: • Allow Discontinuance for Failure to Complete Redetermination (FTC-RE) during CCU • Allow any adverse action after a Redetermination is completed during CCU • No protections for new applications during CCU 	12/03/2022	In Production
CA-249322	Update PHE Protections to Prevent Moving to Restricted Medi-Cal	12/03/2022	In Production
CA-245221	DHCS CMS Unwinding Eligibility and Enrollment Monthly Report	1/23/2023	In Production

CalSAWS SCRs for Unwinding of Continuous Coverage

SCR Number	Description	Release Date	Status (as of 2/8/2023)
CA-250288	<p>Advance the Medi-Cal RE Due date for Individuals Aged or will Age out of YAE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases with Non-MAGI Medi-Cal only with an RE Due Date 06/2023-12/2023, reset the RE Due Date to 01/31/2024. • Cases with at least one MAGI Medi-Cal individual with an RE Due Date 06/30/2023-01/31/2024, reset the RE Due Date to 02/2024-5/2024; spread out the cases evenly for each month. • Create a journal to document the reset. 	03/31/2023	Approved

CalSAWS SCRs for Unwinding of Continuous Coverage

SCR Number	Description	Release Date	Status (as of 2/8/2023)
CA-255195	Begin Medi-Cal Continuous Coverage Unwinding (effective 4/1/2023) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn on effective dated rules from CA-214453 • Clear overdue pending verifications for Medi-Cal only cases • Turn on the DHCS CMS Unwinding Eligibility and Enrollment Monthly Report 	03/31/2023	Approved
CA-239741	MEDIL I 22-01 Federal COVID-19 PHE Additional Contact Requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC Reminder notice will be sent at least two times before a Discontinuance for Failure to Complete Redetermination (FTC-RE) 	TBD: First week in May 2023	Approved

CalSAWS SCRs for Unwinding of Continuous Coverage

SCR Number	Description	Release Date	Status (as of 2/8/2023)
CA-255445	Enhance Text Messaging Functionality for MC RE Packets	4/13/2023	Approved
CA-245109	<p>Turn on Batch Jobs for Medi-Cal Continuous Coverage Unwinding (effective for RE Due Date 06/30/2023 or later). Turn on the following jobs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAGI RE Negative Action Job (PB00CH204) • Non-MAGI RE Negative Action Job (PB00E182) • MAGI/Mixed RE Negative Action EDBC Sweep Job (PB00E121) • Failure to Provide FFY turning age 26 packet (PB00E1302) – LA county-only job 	TBD: First week in June 2023	Design in Process

CalSAWS SCRs for Unwinding of Continuous Coverage

SCR Number	Description	Release Date	Status (as of 2/8/2023)
CA-236888	ACWDL 22-01-Updated MC 239 Disc NOA-Over Income and Not Otherwise MC Eligible	23.05	In Development
CA-255097	End Resetting the Medi-Cal RE Due Dates per end of Continuous Coverage	06/16/2023	New
CA-245148	Lists for Resuming Normal Business Operations for Continuous Coverage Unwinding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust criteria for the DHCS Restoration List to exclude new allowable Disc reason FTC-RE and display the RE Due Date 	23.06	Design in Process

CalSAWS SCRs for Unwinding of Continuous Coverage

SCR Number	Description	Release Date	Status (as of 2/8/2023)
CA-250600	Turn off second Medi-Cal Reminder Notice Batch job at conclusion of CCU <ul style="list-style-type: none">MC Reminder notice will be sent only once before a Discontinuance for Failure to Complete Redetermination (FTC-RE)	TBD: April 2024	New
CA-255279	Turn off Batch PHE Protections at conclusion of CCU	TBD: June 2024	New

CalSAWS Central Print Updates For Unwinding of Continuous Coverage

Description	Release Date	Status (as of 2/8/2023)
CalSAWS Central Print will use yellow envelopes for MC RE packets starting 4/1/2023. The use of the yellow envelope will continue for 12 months, with a target end date of 3/31/2024.	April REs	Yellow envelopes ordered
Special renewal packet flyer insert: Flyer will be included in the MC RE packets, starting 4/1/2023, assuming the flyer is provided to CalSAWS Central Print by the end of February 2023. The addition of the flyer will continue for 12 month, ending 3/31/2024, pending confirmation of the end date.	April REs	Flyer received from DHCS