

# CalSAWS

California Statewide Automated Welfare System

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Update Meets ESAP Criteria Indicator

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# 1 OVERVIEW

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## 1.1 Current Design

The CalFresh (CF) EDBC determines the ESAP indicator for every EDBC run, effective October 2017 or later. The user has the ability to override the system's ESAP determination. The ESAP determination is visible in the EDBC results and on the Case Summary page for the CalFresh program.

Per CRPC 2242, CDSS stated that the ESAP status can only be conferred at new application or recertification. If the CalFresh household is removed from ESAP, the county will have to wait until the household's recertification (or a re-application for benefits) to confer ESAP once again. The waiver from FNS specifically states that "If the State becomes aware that a regular SNAP household is eligible for the ESAP at recertification, including households that were former ESAP participants removed from the demonstration project due to changes in circumstances, the State must add these households to the demonstration project and inform the households of their new status, reporting procedures, and responsibilities." This provision means that the county may not automatically re-confer ESAP eligibility.

## 1.2 Requests

If the ESAP indicator has been set to 'No', the ESAP indicator will not be set to 'Yes' mid-period.

## 1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update CF EDBC to no longer allow the ESAP indicator to change from 'No' to 'Yes' mid-period.

## 1.4 Assumptions

1. The criteria for ESAP will not be changed.
2. As per the existing trigger conditions CF 377.2B, ESAP CF RE Packet and the SAR 2 (Reporting Changes for Cash Aid and CalFresh) forms will not get generated through batch if the ESAP indicator is No.
3. The RE Date Report displays the ESAP indicator. The update to the ESAP indicator will automatically be picked up by the report with no update required to the report. This is because the indicator will be stored in the same location.

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

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### 2.1 Update CF EDBC when Determining the ESAP Indicator

#### 2.1.1 Overview

Additional requirements will be added when setting the ESAP indicator to 'Yes'.

#### 2.1.2 Description of Changes

1. Update CF EDBC to set the ESAP indicator to "Yes" when the following requirements are met:
  - a. the household meets all the current criteria to be eligible to ESAP (All Active or Pending persons in the CF household are elderly and/or disabled with no earned income); AND
  - b. the latest EDBC authorized for the previous month also had MEETS ESAP CRITERIA = YES OR
  - c. the benefit month being processed is a new application (Intake) or the start of a new RE period.

#### 2.1.3 Programs Impacted

CalFresh

#### 2.1.4 Performance Impacts

N/A

### 2.2 Add Journal Entry When ESAP Indicator Changes from Yes to No

#### 2.2.1 Overview

Create a journal entry for cases when the ESAP Indicator changes from Yes to No.

#### 2.2.2 Description of Change

Create a journal entry for cases when the ESAP Indicator changes from Yes to No.

Journal Entry	Description
New/Update	New
Journal Category	All

Journal Type	Indicator Change
Short Description	ESAP Indicator changed from Yes to No.
Long Description	ESAP Indicator changed from Yes to No during CF EDBC run.
New/Update	New
Case ID	Case ID of the case where the ESAP Indicator changed from Yes to No.

## 2.3 Programs Impacted

CalFresh

## 2.4 [Automated Regression Test]

### 2.4.1 Overview

[Provide an overview of the automated regression test that needs to be updated.]

### 2.4.2 Description of Change

1. [Provide a detailed description of what needs to be updated in the automated regression test.]
  - a. Sub point (if needed)
    - i. additional sub point (if needed)
      1. Additional sub point (if needed)
2. Next Change (if needed)