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# 1 OVERVIEW

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## 1.1 Current Design

The CW and RCA EDBC applies the 'Optional Child - Receives Child Support' status reason to a person when all the following apply:

1. Either of the following is true:
  - a. A Customer Option record of type 'Optional Child - Receives Child Support' exists with a Begin Date in the benefit month.
  - b. A Customer Option record of type 'Optional Child - Receives Child Support' exists for any day in the benefit month and the person had the 'Optional Child - Receives Child Support' in the prior month.
2. Person is considered a child, per rules for that program type.
3. The Customer Option record shows the question "Is this child a Stepsibling or Half-Sibling of an eligible CalWORKs child?" is set to 'Yes'.
4. The Customer Option record shows the question "If a court order exists, does the child support order from the court show how much child support is given to each child?" is set to either Yes or No Court Order Exists.
5. The sum of the reported income amounts of the person for the following income types in the benefit month is more than the Child MAP:
  - a. Child Support – Direct
  - b. Child Support – Disregard
  - c. Child Support – Excess
  - d. Child Support - Through LCSA

After a person is given the 'Optional Child - Receives Child Support' role, the conditions will be rechecked with each subsequent EDBC. If they no longer meet these conditions (for example the Customer Options record is end-dated or the person's child support is no longer greater than the Child MAP), they will be added back into the assistance unit either mid-period or at the start of the next reporting cycle, per existing mid-period change logic. They will be required to submit another CW 52 and the user will need to add a new Customer Options record to represent that request.

When the CW MAP amount is increased and the child's child support is no longer more than the Child MAP, the child will be added to the Assistance Unit (AU) in CW.

## 1.2 Requests

CW/RCA EDBC logic will be updated to determine that a previously excluded child is not added into the program mid-period.

For example, when the annual MAP increase is run, children will remain excluded until the next SAR or RE processing.

The previously excluded child may be added into the program mid-period if there is a change to the Customer Options record mid-period.

### **1.3 Overview of Recommendations**

1. Update the CW/RCA EDBC to assign the 'Optional Child – Receives Child Support' role when any of the following changes exists:
  - a. The user makes changes to the Customer Options record mid-period to the question "Is this child a Stepsibling or Half-Sibling of an eligible CalWORKs child?"
  - b. Running EDBC at SAR.
  - c. Running EDBC at RE.

### **1.4 Assumptions**

1. CA-252750 will address the changes for M82-832G.
2. CA-252985 will address the changes for M82-832H.
3. CA-241007 will address the changes for CW 52.
4. The current EDBC logic to determine a child as an 'Optional Child – Receives Child Support' will not change.
5. The current logic to count the Child Support income of the child will not change.

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

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### 2.1 Update CW/RCA EDBC when Determining Optional Child Receiving Child Support

#### 2.1.1 Overview

CW/RCA EDBC evaluates a child to determine if the child meets optional criteria including having child support income higher than MAP.

CW/RCA EDBC updates the determination for a child to meet the optional criteria to:

- 1) when a change to the record occurs mid-period,
- 2) at SAR or
- 3) at RE.

#### 2.1.2 Description of Changes

1. Update the CW/RCA EDBC to assign the 'Optional Child – Receives Child Support' role when any one of the following changes are made:
  - a. User makes a change to the Customer Options record mid-period to the question "Is this child a Stepsibling or Half-Sibling of an eligible CalWORKs child?"
  - b. Running EDBC when a SAR period is established.
  - c. Running EDBC when a RE period is established.
2. If the SAR or RE period are already established, the CW/RCA EDBC will not reevaluate the household when rerunning the first month of the SAR or RE period.

**Ex 1: CW MAP Amount Increase:** A CW case with a parent and two children. One child is determined to be an Optional Child because they receive Child Support income. The CW EDBC is run for an intake month of January 2023 and the child is assigned a role of 'Optional Child – Receives Child Support'.

A CW COLA is later implemented mid period and the MAP amount increases. The optional child's Child Support income is no longer more than the Child MAP amount.

When CW EDBC is run mid period, the child will continue to be assigned 'Optional Child -Receives Child Support'.

**Ex 2: CW MAP Amount Increase and Mid Period Customer Options Change:** A CW case with a parent and two children. One child is an Optional Child.

The Customer Options record is updated mid period and the question to “Is this child a Stepsibling or Half-Sibling of an eligible CalWORKs child?” is answered as ‘No’.

Additionally, CW COLA is implemented mid period and the MAP amount increases. The child’s Child Support income is no longer more than the Child MAP amount.

When CW EDBC is run mid period, the child will be evaluated for Optional Child – Receives Child Support and added to the CW AU with a role of MEM.

**Ex 3: Benefit Month rerun for CW:** A CW application with a parent and two children, one child has a Customer Options record with the question “Is this child a Stepsibling or Half-Sibling of an eligible CalWORKs child?” is answered as ‘Yes’. The CW is run for an intake month of January 2023 and EDBC determines the child support is less than MAP and includes the child in the CW AU with a role of MEM.

The SAR/RE period is established.

When CW EDBC is rerun for January 2023, the child will not be evaluated for ‘Optional Child -Receives Child Support’.

### 2.1.3 Programs Impacted

CalWORKs, RCA

### 2.1.4 Performance Impacts

N/A