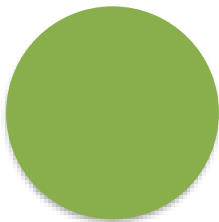




# CalSAWS | Policy Update



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# Policy Update

## ACL 21-123 Expectant Parent Payment

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS	Implementation Details
January 1, 2022  <a href="#">ACL 21-123</a>	<b>CA-231834</b> Implemented Release 23.07  <b>CA-263119</b> Design Release 24.03	<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><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Add a new Placement Type Expectant Foster Youth to indicate the expectant parent payee on the Foster Care Resource Detail page</li><li>2. Add a new Need Type Expectant Parent Payment to the Need Detail page.</li><li>3. Add a new Pay Code Expectant Parent Payment that will be selectable on the foster care EDBC. Counties will use this pay code to identify these payments.</li></ol> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> Inform staff about the system changes to issue the expectant parent payment.</p>

# Policy Update

## ACL 23-71 CalWORKs/Refugee Case Assistance Resource Limit Increase

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS	Implementation Details
January 1, 2024  <a href="#">ACL 23-71</a>	<b>CA-265280</b> Test Release 23.11	<p>ACL 23-71 provides details on the maximum resource limit increase for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Entrant Cash Assistance (ECA), and Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Programs (TCVAP), effective January 1, 2024.</p> <p>The new maximum resource limit for CalWORKs (CW), RCA/ECA, and TCVAP applicants and recipients will be \$11,634, or \$17,452 for Assistance Units (AUs) that include at least one member who is age 60 or older or disabled.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS:</b> Update the CW and CW Elderly and Disabled resource limits to the amounts published in ACL 23-71.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> Inform staff about the change to the CW, RCA/ECA, and TCVAP resource limit.</p>

# Policy Update

## Social Security Admin (SSA) Cost of Living

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS	Implementation Details
January 1, 2024  ACWDL XX-XX	<b>CA-242762</b> Approved Release 23.11 (Priority – 12/2/23)  <b>CA-242763</b> Approved Release 23.11 (Priority – 12/9/23)	<p>Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients will receive a cost of living (COLA) increase, effective January 1, 2024.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create new SSA income records effective 1/1/2024 for active individuals receiving SSA income.</li><li>• Add the 2024 Medi-Cal Pickle values to the systems</li><li>• Add the 2024 SSI/SSP payment standards to the systems</li><li>• Add the 2024 Medicare Part B premium amount to the systems</li><li>• Run batch EDBC to apply the above values to the impacted programs.</li></ul> <p><b>Note:</b> The tentative run date for the batch EDBC process is 12/9/2023.</p> <p>Batch EDBC memorandum will be provided via CalSAWS Information Transmittal in November 2023. The batch EDBC memorandum provides details on the batch EDBC process, timeline, and county action for cases not processed by batch EDBC.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC.</p>

# Policy Update

## CalFresh - 2024 Supplemental Social Security Cost of Living Increase

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS Status	Implementation Details
ACIN I-XX-23	<p><b>SCR CA-266074</b> Pending Approval Release 23.11 (Priority - 1/2/24)</p> <p><b>SCR CA-266913</b> Pending Approval Release 23.11 (Priority - 1/5/24)</p> <p><b>SCR CA-257579</b> Approved Release 23.11 (Priority -1/6/24)</p>	<p>CalFresh recipients that receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and California State Supplementary Payment (SSP) recipients will receive an SSI Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) effective January 1, 2024.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Create new SSI Other Program Assistance records with the new SSI amount for the applicable CalFresh recipients.</li><li>2. Run batch EDBC on the CF program to update the SSI income amounts</li><li>3. Generate lists of cases that were not processed successfully through the batch EDBC process.</li></ol> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inform staff about the SSI COLA</li><li>• Review the CalSAWS COLA memorandum</li><li>• County staff process the cases on the lists referenced in the COLA memorandum</li></ul>

# Policy Update

## ACL 21-25 New Definition of Public Assistance for CalFresh

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS Status	Implementation Details
When automation occurs  <a href="#">ACL 21-25</a>  <a href="#">ACL 22-85</a>	<b>SCR CA-223763</b> Implemented Release 23.07  <b>SCR CA-251869</b> New Release 24.03	<p>The CDSS has developed a new Public Assistance CalFresh (PACF) definition that distinguishes CalFresh households by public assistance program type and supports California's continued alignment with federal reporting expectations.</p> <p>The new definition of a PACF household broadly defines a PACF household as a CalFresh household in which members receive some type of public assistance in addition to CalFresh, including CalWORKs, Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), SSI/SSP, and General Assistance/General Relief (GA/GR). The term PACF functions as an umbrella term under which specific subcategories of PACF households fall.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Update the Case Summary page to display a Household Category field and no longer display the Public Assistance Indicator</li><li>2. Update the CalFresh Detail page to display Household Category and no longer display the Public Assistance Indicator</li><li>3. Update the CalFresh EDBC summary page to display Household Category and no longer display Public Assistance</li><li>4. Update Program Configuration [Override] List page to display Household Category and no longer display the Public Assistance Indicator</li><li>5. Update CalFresh EDBC logic to identify the household categories for CalFresh program</li></ol>

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# Policy Update

## Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS Status	Implementation Details
<a href="#">ACL 19-93 ABAWD Handbook 2.0</a>  <a href="#">ACL 20-18</a>	<b>SCR CA-212650</b> Implemented  <b>SCR CA-214411</b> Implemented  <b>SCR CA-207637 Phase III</b> Implemented  <b>SCR CA-215950</b> New Release TBD	<b>CalSAWS Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add an ABAWD Requirement Summary page, which provides details related to a person's ABAWD Status</li><li>• Add functionality to automatically determine whether an ABAWD has met work requirements</li><li>• Modify the ABAWD Determination batch process to detect changes in employment and activity hours</li><li>• Modify the ABAWD determination logic to treat an individual receiving Transitional CalFresh as a Non ABAWD</li><li>• The CalSAWS ABAWD job aid will be updated to account for changes in SCR CA-207637</li></ul> <b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> <p>Inform county staff about the system changes in SCR CA-207637.</p>



# Policy Update

## Home/Community-Based Services and Spousal Impoverishment Provisions

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS Status	Implementation Details
1/1/2024 <a href="#">ACWDL 17-25</a> <a href="#">MEDIL 22-08</a>	<b>SCR CA-207655</b> Test Release – 23.11  <b>SCR CA-241932</b> Design Release – RWR (Jan 2024)	<p>The Affordable Care Act (ACA) broadened the definition of an institutionalized spouse. The new definition allows for a broader and more immediate application of the spousal impoverishment provisions for those receiving Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). The spousal impoverishment provisions allow the community spouse to retain more income and resources upon submission of a Medi-Cal application for an institutionalized spouse or a spouse who requests HCBS.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The System will track Medi-Cal (MC) Waivers on the Customer Options data collection page and no longer in a Requested Medi-Cal Type.</li><li>• Medi-Cal budgets will be created in the system to apply Spousal Impoverishment Provisions when a MC program person is requesting or eligible to 'Home and Community-Based Services Waivers'.</li><li>• The MC EDBC Rules will first evaluate for Full MC Hierarchy (Mega Mandatory and MAGI Medi-Cal), then evaluate Spousal Impoverishment with the new MC test Programs Aged and Disabled-SI, Working Disabled-SI and MC Income-SI.</li><li>• Apply a Data Change Request (DCR) to individuals associated to a removed Waiver from 'Requested Medi-Cal Type Detail' page and moved to an associated Medi-Cal Waiver in the 'Customer Options Detail' page. A list of cases were not processed in the DCR will be provided for the counties to action.</li></ul> <p>For additional details on this change, refer to the SCR design document.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> Inform staff about the changes to the policy and system. Action the cases that could not be processed in the DCR.</p>

# Policy Update

## Elimination of Asset Limits for Non-Modified Adjusted Gross Income Medi-Cal Programs

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS Status	Implementation Details
1/1/2024 <a href="#">ACWDL 22-25</a>	<b>SCR CA-251329</b> Test Release – 23.11  <b>SCR CA-252364</b> Test Release – 23.09 (Priority -11/2/23)	<p>ACWDL 22-25, provides policy direction to eliminate using the property limit test in Non-MAGI Medi-Cal (MC) programs, including LTC, and MSP to no longer be countable in the asset test for Non-MAGI Medi-Cal.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modify the MC EDBC Rules to no longer display or count property in the eligibility determination for Non-MAGI Medi-Cal, including LTC, and Medicare Savings Programs.</li><li>• Obsolete the Non-MAGI Reason Notice of Action (NOA) fragments related to Asset and Property Limits.</li><li>• Modify the verbiage of existing Non-MAGI Reason NOA Fragments to not have text relating to Property.</li><li>• Update the following MC forms and notices to no longer reference properties:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MC 210 RV</li><li>MC 217</li><li>MC 604 IPS</li><li>Non-MAGI Informing Notice</li><li>PUB 10</li><li>MC 262</li></ul></li><li>• Remove the MC 007 from MC RE Packets</li></ul> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> Inform staff about the changes to the policy and system.</p>

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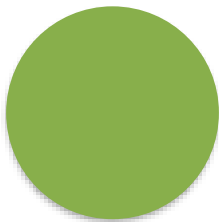
## Medi-Cal Adult Expansion - Age 26-49

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS Status	Implementation Details
1/1/2024 <a href="#">ACWDL 23-08</a>	<b>SCR CA-251562</b> Implemented Release – 23.09  <b>SCR CA-251569</b> Test Release – 23.11 (Priority – 11/21/23)  <b>SCR CA-251565</b> Approved Release – 23.11 (Priority – 11/21/23)	<p>ACWDL 23-08, provides policy that allows all eligible individuals who are 26 through 49 years of age, inclusive, are eligible to full scope Medi-Cal regardless of their citizenship or immigration status if they meet all other eligibility criteria, effective 1/1/2024.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modify the Medi-Cal (MC) EDBC rules to grant full scope Non-MAGI Medi-Cal for all eligible individuals who are 26 through 49 years of age, inclusive, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, if they meet all other eligibility criteria.</li><li>• Update applicable approval and change Notice of Action (NOA) language to address the newly eligible population.</li><li>• Run a one-time process to send Eligibility Determination Requests (EDRs) to CalHEERS and run Batch EDBC for identified individuals who are 26 thru 49 years of age, inclusive and receiving restricted scope Medi-Cal to transition to full scope Medi-Cal.</li><li>• Generate one-time lists to aid the counties to complete the transition of Adult Expansion to full scope Medi-Cal for the cases that did not get processed in the batch EDBC.</li></ul> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> Inform county staff about this policy change and the system changes in these SCR. Use the CalSAWS provided lists to action the cases that did not get processed in batch EDBC.</p>



# **System Change Requests**

Supporting Continuous Coverage Unwinding Activities



# Continuous Coverage Unwinding Activities

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

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS	Implementation Details
End of Continuous Coverage <a href="#">MEDIL I 22-01</a>	CA-250600 New Release 24.03	<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><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turn off the second Medi-Cal (MC) reminder notice batch job.</li><li>• Update the following batch jobs to no longer look for the second Medi-Cal reminder notice:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Batch MC Discontinuance Sweep</li><li>◦ Non-MAGI Discontinuance Sweep</li><li>◦ Failure to Provide FFY turning age 26 packet</li></ul></li><li>• Turn off the Non-MAGI Screening Packets(NMSP)logic to send NMSP during renewal even if a NMSP was sent for the same Soft Pause</li></ul> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> <b>None</b></p>

# Continuous Coverage Unwinding Activities

Turn off Batch PHE Protections at conclusion of Continuous Coverage Unwinding

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS	Implementation Details
End of Continuous Coverage  <a href="#">MEDIL I 20-06</a>  <a href="#">MEDIL I 23-02</a>	CA-255279 New Release 24.05	<p>MEDIL I 23-02 is to inform counties of updated federal legislation that provides an end date to the continuous coverage requirement enacted as a result of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) federal Public Health Emergency.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turn off the Batch EDBC protections during the PHE entirely effective 07/01/2024</li><li>• Turn on mandatory Verification batches</li><li>• Update the Non-MAGI Screening Packets(NMSP) to no longer generate during RE when is not new</li></ul> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> Inform staff about the changes in this SCR.</p>