

☒ CalSAWS M&E☒ CalWIN Migration

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CIT Name:	BenefitsCal CalSAWS Features Status for Counties
From:	CalSAWS Project

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Purpose

The purpose of this CIT is to provide the CalSAWS counties with a list of configurable features available in BenefitsCal (BC) and the status for each county.

Background

County Request for Information (CRFI) were previously distributed requesting counties review and select BC features they would like to opt in/out for:

- Wave 1 (Placer and Yolo) – CRFI 22-042
- Wave 2 (Contra Costa, Santa Clara, and Tulare) – CRFI 22-099
- Wave 3 (Orange County, Santa Barbara, Ventura) – CRFI 23-011
- Wave 4 (San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano) – CRFI 23-051
- Wave 5 (Alameda, Fresno, Sonoma) – CRFI 23-078
- Wave 6 (Sacramento, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo) – CRFI 23-109

Two-Way Messaging was sent for all CalSAWS and CalWIN counties through CRFI 22-035 *BenefitsCal Two-Way Messaging Counties Opt-In*. All counties' selections have been included in the list of configurable features.

Additional Information

BenefitsCal includes features which counties can choose to opt-in or opt-out.

Please note that a CER is required to change your existing selection.

A brief description of each feature:

1. **Interview Nudge:**

Opt-in – Allows counties to set up interview call center hours, days, and interview nudge. The interview nudge will display on the application receipt for customers at the end of an application, informing them they can call the county for an application interview.

Congrats! We received your application. Now, let's complete your interview.

✓ **Application Submitted**
[Save a copy of your application](#)

2 **Complete your interview**

Call our interview phone line at [\(844\) 936-4380](tel:(844)936-4380)

Call Center Hours:

Monday 12:00 am-11:30 pm

Tuesday 12:00 am-11:30 pm

Wednesday 12:00 am-11:30 pm

Thursday 12:00 am-11:30 pm

Friday 12:00 am-11:30 pm

TIP: The sooner you complete your interview, the sooner you may get your benefits.

Opt-out – The interview nudge will not be visible to customers.

2. **GA/GR Applications:**

Opt-in – Allows customers to apply for the GA/GR program through BenefitsCal.

Which benefits is your household applying for? (required)

Select at least one. For Cash Aid, select the one that best applies to your situation.

☒ **Cash Aid for Adults (GA/GR)**

The General Assistance or General Relief (GA/GR) Program gives cash assistance to adults in need who do not have children in the home.

☐ **Cash Aid for Families (CalWORKs)**

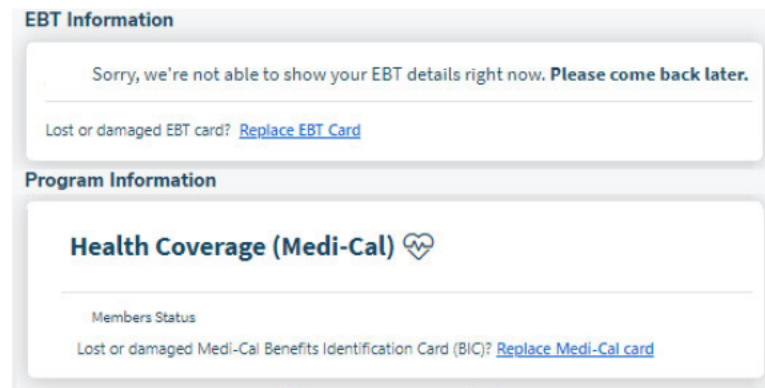
The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids (CalWORKs) gives temporary cash assistance to families who have a pregnancy or a child in the home.

If you select Cash Aid, you will be screened for Medi-Cal.

Opt-out – Customers will continue to apply for the GA/GR program through current county processes.

3. **EBT/BIC Card Replacement:**

Opt-in – Allows customers with a linked BenefitsCal account to request a replacement EBT/BIC card online. When requested, a task is generated in real time for county processing within CalSAWS.



Opt-out – Customers will not see this selection on their BC dashboard and will continue to request through the existing county process.

4. **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Requests:**

Opt-in – Allows customers with a linked BenefitsCal account to submit VITA appointment requests. This request will generate a task within CalSAWS for county processing.

Opt-out – Customers will not see this as a selection within their BC dashboard.

5. **Two Way Messaging:**

Opt-in – Allows customers with a linked BenefitsCal account to message a Worker and allows Workers to reply to customer messages, upload/view a document or request information from the customer.

Opt-out – Current one-way informational message functionality to the customer remains. The one-way message will be stored in CalSAWS and cannot be edited.

6. **Click to Chat with a County representative (Only applicable to counties with Call Centers):**

Opt-in - Allows customers to chat with a county representative through a chat window online.

Benefits of this communication type are:

- Fast and efficient
- Avoids IVR system/phone trees
- No verbal communication barriers

For a customer to initiate this request they can select "Chat with a County Representative" on the Help page in BenefitsCal.

Chat with a county representative

To get started, please enter your details below.

Select Your County

Once the customer selects the county they live in, they will be connected to an agent.

If the customer selects a county that does not have a call center, the following message will display:

Chat with a county representative

To get started, please enter your details below.

Select Your County

We're sorry. This county doesn't have live chat.
Please contact your local office.

FIND MY LOCAL OFFICE

7. Call Me (Only applicable to counties with Call Centers):

Opt-in – Allows customers to select their county and leave their information so a county representative can call the customer back.

Benefits of this communication type are:

- Fast and easy
- Avoids IVR system/phone trees

For a customer to initiate this request they can select "Call Me" on the Help page in BenefitsCal.

Call Me.

To get started, please enter your details below.

Select Your County

Call Me.

To get started, please enter your details below.

Select Your County

San Bernardino

Great! Select the button below to leave your information and a county representative will reach out.

CALL ME

When the customer selects the county they live in, it will go to the call center's queue. The next available agent can pick up the call. If they select a county that does not have a call center, the following message will show:

Call Me.

To get started, please enter your details below.

Select Your County

Alpine

Apologies, this county does not yet support this service. Please contact your local office.

FIND MY LOCAL OFFICE

County Action

1. Each county must review their current selections on the Web Portal.
2. Counties may choose to update their current selections as business needs change by submitting a CalSAWS Enhancement Request (CER).

A notification will be sent to the county PPOC indicating receipt of the request. The CER will be reviewed, and a SCR created for the change.

Note: No action is necessary for the county unless a county chooses to update their current feature selections.

The current designations will be maintained on the Web Portal for counties' reference.

The feature listing is stored on the Web Portal in the following location:



	If you have questions on this CIT, please reach out to the Primary Contact and cc your Regional Managers.
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