

CalSAWS

California Statewide Automated Welfare System

Design Document

CA-265623

Update Child Support Direct Income Treatment
in CalFresh Budget

CalSAWS	DOCUMENT APPROVAL HISTORY	
	Prepared By	Sridhar Mullapudi
	Reviewed By	

DATE	DOCUMENT VERSION	REVISION DESCRIPTION	AUTHOR
10/12/2023	1.0	Initial Draft	Sridhar Mullapudi

Table of Contents

- 1 Overview 4
 - 1.1 Current Design..... 4
 - 1.2 Requests..... 4
 - 1.3 Overview of Recommendations..... 4
 - 1.4 Assumptions 5
- 2 Recommendations..... 6
 - 2.1 Update CalFresh EDBC Income Determination..... 6
 - 2.1.1 Overview 6
 - 2.1.2 Description of Changes 6
 - 2.1.3 Programs Impacted 6
 - 2.1.4 Performance Impacts 6
 - 2.2 Run One Time Batch EDBC **Error! Bookmark not defined.**
 - 2.2.1 Overview 6
 - 2.2.2 Description of Changes 6
 - 2.2.3 Programs Impacted 7
 - 2.2.4 Performance Impacts 7

3	Requirements.....	7
3.1	Project Requirements.....	7
4	Outreach.....	Error! Bookmark not defined.
4.1	Lists.....	Error! Bookmark not defined.

1 OVERVIEW

1.1 Current Design

For CalFresh (CF) households, EDBC budget determination counts the following child support income as unearned income:

1. Child Support – Disregard
2. Child Support – Excess
3. Child Support – Through LCSA
4. Child Support – Direct

Exception: 'Child Support – Direct' income is treated as exempt income for non-K1/3F CalFresh households with any of the following 'Household Category' (considered as public assistance households)

- a. PACF CalWORKs-Only
- b. PACF Tribal TANF-Only
- c. PACF SSI/SSP-Only
- d. PACF GA/GR-Only
- e. PACF Multiple

CalFresh EDBC looks for CalFresh aid code to determine the 'Child Support – Direct' income exception mentioned above.

With the implementation of SCR CA-227344 (Update CalSAWS to set CalFresh Aid Code for Non-Public Assisted Households), CalWORKs (CW) AUs with K1/3F aid codes are not determined to be K1/3F CalFresh Households since all CalFresh members are not active members on CalWORKs program.

For CW/CF combo cases, the person with Child Support – Direct income and no Child Support – Disregard income who is active on CalWORKs program where the aid code is not 'K1' or '3F', standard child support disregard applied in CW EDBC shall be used as Unearned Income in CF EDBC.

1.2 Requests

'Child Support – Direct' income to be counted as unearned income in CalFresh budget when the person with income is active on CalWORKs program with aid code is 'K1' or '3F'.

1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update CalFresh EDBC logic to not exempt 'Child Support – Direct' income when the person with income is active on CalWORKs program with aid code 'K1' or '3F'.
2. CTCR to add new run reason and Journal Reason used by for batch EDBC run for CA-270293

1.4 Assumptions

1. SCR CA-252217 targeting 24.01 release is updating 'Child Support – Direct' income exclusion logic. When a CW AU opts to exclude a half/stepsibling (considered an SB 380 household), for Non 'K1' or, '3F' CalFresh households the 'Child Support – Direct' income shall be excluded from CalFresh budget if the CalWORKs AU is not considered as an SB380 AU.
2. Batch EDBC shall be processed on the impacted cases through SCR CA-270293 for the come-up month.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Update CalFresh EDBC Income Determination

2.1.1 Overview

Update CalFresh budget determination to exempt 'Child Support – Direct' income when the participant with income is also active on CalWORKs with aid code not 'K1' or '3F'.

2.1.2 Description of Changes

1. Update CalFresh EDBC logic to exclude 'Child Support – Direct' income from CalFresh budget when the following condition is met:
 - a. Active CalFresh MEM/FRE with 'Child Support – Direct' income is also active on CalWORKs program with non 'K1' or '3F' aid code.

Note: the only other condition to exclude 'Child Support – Direct' income from CalFresh budget is with the implementation of SCR CA-252217. For Non 'K1' or, '3F' CalFresh households the 'Child Support – Direct' income shall be excluded from CalFresh budget if the CalWORKs AU is not considered as an SB 380 AU.

2.1.3 Programs Impacted

CalFresh

2.1.4 Performance Impacts

None

2.2 CTCR to Add new Journal and Run Reason

2.2.1 Overview

Add new run reason and journal entry reason for the one-time batch EDBC run through SCR CA-270293

2.2.2 Description of Changes

1. Create a CTCR to add new run reason in CT744 that shall be used by batch EDBC for the above population:
 - a. Short decode name: 'Child Support Income Update'.
 - b. Long decode name: 'Child Support Income Update'.

2. Create a CTCR to add new Journal reason in CT942 that shall be used by batch EDBC when creating a journal entry for the above population:
 - a. Short decode name: 'Child Support Income Update'.
 - b. Long decode name: 'Child Support Income Update'.

2.2.3 Programs Impacted

CalFresh

2.2.4 Performance Impacts

None

3 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Project Requirements

REQ #	REQUIREMENT TEXT	How Requirement Met
2.8.2.11	The LRS shall treat income and resources based on program-specific rules.	CalFresh EDBC shall include 'Child Support – Direct' income as unearned income for a CalFresh HH when CalWORKs aid code is 'K1' or '3F'.