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Income Types for Formerly

Assisted CW Families

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1 OVERVIEW

ACL 23-93 directs SAWS to exempt all support payments from consideration in CalWORKs (CW) eligibility for K1/3F families.

1.1 Current Design

The Income Detail page identifies several types of support income. EDBC treats them as “Unearned” or “Exempt” based on the income type regardless of the aid code of the Assistance Unit (AU).

1.2 Requests

1. Per ACL 23-93 any support income (child, spousal, family) received by a K1/3F family must be exempt from consideration as income and resources for purposes of determining CW eligibility and grant amount.

1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update CW EDBC beginning in the July 2024 benefit month to exempt any support income (child, spousal, family) when the CW AU has one of the following aid codes:
 - **3F** - CW-Safety Net/Felon/WTW Sanct-Two Parent
 - **K1** - CW-Safety Net/Felon/WTW Sanct-Non-Two Parent
2. Provide the counties a list of cases that will potentially have a benefit calculation change when CW EDBC is run after this change is implemented.

1.4 Assumptions

N/A

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Eligibility: Update Income Exemption Logic

2.1.1 Overview

Income is classified for each program based on Income Type in the "Income Type Code" table. Update CW EDBC logic to exempt any income that is considered "support" and is received by a CW AU when EDBC results in a K1 or 3F aid code regardless of the code table classification of the income.

2.1.2 Description of Changes

1. Update EDBC to exempt any support income received by a CW AU from consideration in eligibility and grant amount determination when EDBC results in a K1 or 3F Aid Code if the benefit month is July 2024 or later.

Currently, support income classification for CW AU's is determined based on the Income Type in Code Table 186 as shown in this excerpt:

Code	Short Decode Name	CW Classification
12	Child Support - Direct	Unearned
13	Child Support - Excess	Unearned
14	Child Support - Disregard	Unearned
15	Spousal Support - Direct	Unearned
33	Spousal Support - Disregard	Exempt
B4	Child Support - Through LCSA	Unearned
B5	Child & Spousal Support - Through LCSA	Unearned
B6	Spousal Support - Through LCSA	Unearned
EW	Child/Spousal Support DA-Current Retained	Unearned
EX	Child/Spousal Support DA-Prior Disregard	Exempt

This change should not update the code table classification, but if the Aid Code for the CW AU is K1 or 3F then all the support income types shown in the above table need to be treated as exempt by CW EDBC.

2.1.3 Programs Impacted

CW

2.1.4 Performance Impacts

None

2.2 Eligibility: List of Potentially Impacted Cases

2.2.1 List Details

When this change is implemented in CalSAWS, a one-time list will be generated to identify potentially impacted cases for the counties to review.

List Name: List of Cases Potentially Impacted by CA-265202

List Criteria: Cases meeting all the following criteria:

- Active CW Program.
- High-dated Aid Code is K1 or 3F.
- An active person in the AU has one of the eight types of Support Income from Code Table 186 that are currently treated as Unearned (see section 2.1.2, above) in the income category "Cash / CalFresh".
- The high-dated EDBC for the CW program has a Net Nonexempt Income amount greater than zero. The EDBC must be Accepted and Saved, Type of Regular, and not created by Conversion.

Standard Columns:

- Case Name
- Case Number
- County
- Unit
- Unit Name
- Office Name
- Worker ID

Additional Column(s):

- Aid Code
- Net Unearned Income Amount
- Income Type

Frequency: One-time

Location:

The list will be posted to:

CalSAWS Web Portal
 >System Changes
 >SCR and SIR Lists
 >2024
 >CA-265202

2.3 Automated Regression Test

2.3.1 Overview

Create new automated regression test scripts to verify income exemption during CalWORKs EDBC for each of the following aid code and income type combinations: K1 Child Support; K1 with Spousal Support; 3F with Child Support; 3F with Spousal Support.

Note: Only one income type from each larger category will be covered, and only those income types that were not previously Exempt. For example, the “Child Support” scenarios will use one of the following codes: 12, 13, 14, B4, B5, EW.

2.3.2 Description of Change

1. Create new regression scripts to verify that Child Support income of one of the following types is not counted when CalWORKs EDBC grants benefits under aid code K1:
 - a. Child Support - Direct
 - b. Child Support - Excess
 - c. Child Support - Disregard
 - d. Child Support - Through LCSA
 - e. Child & Spousal Support - Through LCSA

Technical Note: As noted above, only one of these income types will be used. A separate script will not be created for each listed income type.

2. Create new regression scripts to verify that Child Support income of one of the following types is not counted when CalWORKs EDBC grants benefits under aid code 3F:
 - a. Child Support - Direct
 - b. Child Support - Excess
 - c. Child Support – Disregard
 - d. Child Support - Through LCSA
 - e. Child & Spousal Support - Through LCSA

Technical Note: As noted above, only one of these income types will be used. A separate script will not be created for each listed income type.

3. Create new regression scripts to verify that Spousal Support income of one of the following types is not counted when CalWORKs EDBC grants benefits under aid code K1:
 - a. Spousal Support - Direct
 - b. Spousal Support - Through LCSA
 - c. Child & Spousal Support - Through LCSA

Technical Note: As noted above, only one of these income types will be used. A separate script will not be created for each listed income type.

4. Create new regression scripts to verify that Spousal Support income of one of the following types is not counted when CalWORKs EDBC grants benefits under aid code 3F:
 - a. Spousal Support - Direct
 - b. Spousal Support - Through LCSA
 - c. Child & Spousal Support - Through LCSA

Technical Note: As noted above, only one of these income types will be used. A separate script will not be created for each listed income type.

3 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Project Requirements

REQ #	REQUIREMENT TEXT	How Requirement Met
CAR-549	The LRS shall determine what income is to be included or excluded and how to treat the income, based on program-specific rules. - Application Registration and Application Evaluation - 2.4.3.11	Income exemption is being updated to comply with policy updates.