

CalSAWS | Batch Memorandum for the 2024 FPL COLA

Regulation: ACWDL 24-02

Memorandum Purpose

This memorandum is intended to convey the batch EDBC scope, county actions and schedule for the 2024 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) Batch.

Scope

On February 08, 2024, CA-257067 will implement the following changes to production:

- Update the existing FPL values in CalSAWS to the new values effective April 1, 2024.
- Update the FPL values for Medicare Savings Program (MSP) budgets when no Member, FRI or FRE in the budget has Title II Retirement Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) Income valid for the month. There will be one new value for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), one for Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) and one for Qualified Individual (QI)-1. These values will be effective January 1, 2024.
- Update the FPL values for MSP budgets when there is a Member, FRI or FRE in the budget with RSDI Income valid for the benefit month. There will be one new value for QMB, one for SLMB and one for QI-1. These values will be effective March 1, 2024.

Batch

CalSAWS will take the following actions for the new 2024 FPL values with CA-257069 in release 24.03.02:

- Run batch EDBC for the months of January and February 2024 for all Active Medi-Cal programs that meet the following requirements:
 - There is a Regular EDBC for the program for the month being run where there exists at least one person receiving aid from MSP: SLMB.
 - None of the persons receiving aid from MSP receives RSDI income.
 - Medi-Cal EDBC has not been processed since updated 2024 FPL values have been deployed to production with CA-257067.
- Run batch EDBC for the month of March 2024 for all Active Medi-Cal programs that meet the following requirements:
 - There is a Regular EDBC for the program for the month being run where there exists at least one person receiving aid from MSP: SLMB.
 - Person(s) receiving aid from MSP receives RSDI Income.
 - Medi-Cal EDBC has not been processed since updated 2024 FPL values have been deployed to production with CA-257067.
- Run batch EDBC for the month of April 2024 for Active Medi-Cal that meet the following requirements:

- There exists at least one person on the program receiving Non-MAGI Medi-Cal aid.
- There does not exist any person on the Medi-Cal program receiving aid with an Express Lane aid code.
- Medi-Cal EDBC has not been processed since updated 2024 FPL values have been deployed to production with CA-257067.
- For above EDBC batches, CalSAWS runs with 'MC FPL COLA' (CT744 ML) run reason.

List Details

Lists will be posted on March 4, 2024, by CalSAWS to aid the counties to review the cases to verify accurate action was taken after Batch EDBC completes. The lists will be available to the counties at the following location:

CalSAWS Web Portal>System Changes>SCR and SIR Lists>2024>CA-257069

The listing will consist of below columns:

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

1. **List Name: Closed Program**

Generate a list of cases for which Batch EDBC resulted in the closure of the Medi-Cal program. Counties can use this list to verify that the program's discontinuance is appropriate.

Additional Columns: Closure Reason, Benefit Month

County Action: These are likely the result of household changes or ongoing data collection which was not yet processed through EDBC by the user. Since the purpose of this Batch EDBC process was not to close households, review these cases to verify the closure was accurate.

2. **List Name: Closed Individual**

Generate a list of cases for which Batch EDBC resulted in an individual being discontinued from Medi-Cal but the Medi-Cal program remains open. Counties can use this list to verify that the individual's discontinuance is appropriate.

Additional Columns: Individual Name, CIN, Closure Reason, Benefit Month

County Action: These are likely the result of household changes or ongoing data collection which was not yet processed through EDBC by the user. Since the purpose of this Batch EDBC process was not to close individuals, review these cases to verify the closure was accurate.

3. **List Name: Read-Only EDBC**

Generate a list of cases for which Batch EDBC resulted in a Read-Only Medi-Cal EDBC with all the Read-Only Reasons except the Read-Only Reason of "Protection due to Public Health Crisis/Natural Disaster". Counties can use this list to run Medi-Cal EDBC for those cases and take the appropriate action.

Additional Column: Read-Only Reason, Benefit Month

County Action: Since Batch EDBC couldn't automatically apply the intended change to these cases, users may process EDBC to apply intended changes if applicable.

4. **List Name: Batch EDBC skipped with a reason**

Generate a list of cases that were skipped by the Batch EDBC run excluding cases with a skip reason of 'EDBC has not been run since conversion'. These cases will be the responsibility of the worker to address.

Additional Column: Skip Reason, Benefit Month

County Action: Batch could not process these cases because of the skip reasons listed in the list. Review each case and take appropriate action based on the skip reason.

5. **List Name: Denials and Discontinuance for January – April 2024**

Generate a list of cases for individuals that were denied or discontinued prior to the FPL value updates although may be eligible with the latest updated 2024 FPL values.

Additional Column(s): Individual Name, CIN, Benefit Month

County Action: Review all denials and discontinuances and re-evaluate eligibility based on the 2024 FPL values.

Criteria:

i. Medi-Cal EDBC was processed prior to the updated 2024 FPL Values (CA-257067) being deployed.

ii. One of the following failed income budgets exists in the EDBC for January-April 2024:

a. QMB

b. SLMB

c. QI-1

iii. One of the following failed income budgets exists in the EDBC for April 2024:

a. ABD FPL

b. 250% Working Disabled

iv. There is a denied or discontinued individual who is also in one of the failed income budgets identified above.

v. The income value of the failed budget is less than the 2024 FPL value for the appropriate effective month. (Refer to the Technical Note)

vi. The latest EDBC processed was for the denied or discontinued individual for any of the months January through April 2024. (Refer to the Technical Note for budget type corresponding to the benefit month).

Technical Note:

The "Total net non-exempt income" value of the failed budget is less than the 2024 FPL "Maintenance Need" value.

Refer to recommendation 2.1.2.1 (A-C) for corresponding benefit month and criteria (For example, RSDI income, Budget type)

Budget Type – FPL % reference

QMB – 100% FPL

SLMB – 120% FPL

QI-1 – 135% FPL

ABD FPL – 138% FPL

250% Working Disabled – 250% FPL

6. **List Name: 'FPL COLA Stats by County Report'**

List Criteria: EDBC Count for each program included in the COLA by County.

Additional Column(s):

- <program> EDBC Counts
- <program> EDBC Processed
- <program> EDBC Skipped (Exception)
- <program> EDBC Read Only
- <program> EDBC Stack Trace (UEID)
- <program> Success %
- Total EDBC Count
- Total EDBC Processed
- Total EDBC Skipped (Exception)
- Total EDBC Read Only
- Total EDBC Stack Trace (UEID)
- Overall Success Rate %
- Total NOAs Generated

Note: The 'Total' and 'Overall Success' fields above will include all programs in the COLA.

Please Note:

- Review cases included in the lists and take necessary action.
- Review the Batch Eligibility Report each morning and action cases which could not be processed. This report is an On Request report available under Global: Reports > Local: On Request > Task: Administrative. If you do not see this report, please contact your Security Administrator for rights. To see cases not processed, select a status of 'Not Processed' on the Reports Parameter pages.
- With CA-215211, Negative Impacts in Batch EDBC were prevented for Medi-Cal Beneficiaries due to Public Health Crisis/Natural Disaster which saves EDBC as 'Read-Only' with Read-Only Reason of "Protection due to Public Health Crisis/Natural Disaster".
- Cases that have a yellow banner requiring case review as a result of the benefit match process will skip because a worker has not processed Medi-Cal EDBC since conversion. These cases will show on the Batch Eligibility Report with a reason of "EDBC has not been run since conversion".

Things to remember about this EDBC batch process

- For the January, February and March benefit months, batch will only run Active Medi-Cal programs with affected SLMB program.
- In the scenario where multiple active Medi-Cal programs exist for one case, batch will run all active Medi-Cal programs on the case together. This ensures correct LTC allocation between the multiple programs. Batch will not run Non Medi-Cal programs.
- All impacts from Defects and SCRs that have not been implemented will continue to occur during the batch processing.
- The programs targeted for batch processing are determined once upfront. For batch processes that take more than one business day, cases are not removed or added to the batch processing based on user updates.
- The Batch EDBCs will have an EDBC Source of 'Batch EDBC Rules'.
- When a user runs EDBC in which a prior pending month exists, the EDBC will result in a Read-Only status. However, when running a Batch EDBC process, that restriction does not apply and these EDBCs will not be Read-Only.
- Any updates or lack of updates made/not made to cases will impact the Batch EDBC results. This means programs may be discontinued (due to non-compliances, etc.) unexpectedly.
- DHCS is coordinating implementation of the 2024 FPLs in the California Healthcare Eligibility Enrollment and Retention System (CalHEERS) and Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS). DHCS anticipates the CalHEERS system and SAWS system will be updated with the annual 2024 FPL amounts by March of 2024.
- DHCS will send a notice to the beneficiaries potentially impacted by the change to inform them of the FPL increase to allow them an opportunity to request a re-evaluation from the county.
- When the batch process starts,
 - The Ad-Hoc reporting database will be updated real time.
 - CalSAWS will transfer MEDS file to MEDS as per the usual process.
 - CalSAWS transfers the file by Sunday, March 3rd, 2024; but MEDS will not process the file until 03:30 pm on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. This is the normal process for the files sent over the weekend.
 - NOAs will be sent to Central Print at night through the regular nightly batch process.
- Medi-Cal NOAs will use existing NOA functionality, no updates are required for this effort.

Development Schedule

Date	Task
February 16, 2024	Deliver the changes to the System Test team
February 19, 2024	Start System Testing the changes
March 02, 2024	Run Batch EDBC in production
March 04, 2024	Post lists to the CalSAWS [REDACTED]

Schedule Considerations

- Downtime
 - CalSAWS will not have any downtime due to FPL COLA batch.
Please Note: Broadcast will be sent out that the CalSAWS will experience some slowness due to FPL COLA Batch Run.
- Scheduled Jobs
 - Any Jobs scheduled for Saturday; March 2nd, 2024 will run after FPL COLA batch completion.
- Approximate count of programs to be processed
Batch EDBC will run approximately below mentioned Medi-Cal EDBC's for the months of January 2024 through April 2024 for 2024 FPL COLA updates.

BENEFIT MONTH	Processed MC EDBC's
January 2024	2,428
February 2024	2,483
March 2024	144,086
April 2024	1,530,477
TOTAL	1,679,474

- Batch processing speed
 - EDBC batch can process approximately 350,000 programs per hour.
- CalSAWS cannot run batch EDBC during the following:
 - Main Payroll
 - Foster Care Main Payroll
 - SAR7 Discontinuance
 - RE Discontinuance
 - 10-day Discontinuance
 - CalFresh Recertification Discontinuance
 - Primary Period of Maintenance (PPM)
 - 6:30 AM – 8:00 PM, Monday through Saturday

Timeline

- Expected start of Batch EDBC processing
 - March 2nd, 2024
- Batch will include SLMB cases for January through March months and include all cases for April 2024.
- Expected completion of Batch EDBC processing
 - March 3rd, 2024 – Regular Batch Operation hours

Calendar for March 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2
					- SAR7 Discontinu ance FC main payroll: 55 Counties - MAGI MC RD EDR sweep	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		CW/CF RE appt Day 1 (LA County) Non Transition Food stamps NEC – Generate and Balance	CW/CF RE appt Day 2 (LA County) CW/CF RE appt Day 1 (57 Counties)	Foster Care Payroll (Alameda & Sacramento Counties CW/CF RE appt Day 2 (57 Counties) Non-MAGI Stable Income RE EDBC		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Foster Care Payroll (LA County)	NA 960X Non MAGI RE (MC 210), MAGI RE (MC 216), Mixed RE (MC 217), Medi-Cal RE Packet MAGI/Mixed Age EDR		Medi-Cal Reminder – 1 MAGI/Mixe d/Non- MAGI Age EDBC Mixed/MAG I Auto-Disc EDR	CW/CF RE Packets	

17	18 AAP Payroll: LA County CMSP Disc Sweep NA RE X notice Mixed/MAG I MC Auto- Disc EDBC End of Postpartum EDR	19 Batch 10-Day Cutoff Medi-Cal Auto-Rescind Authorization End of Postpartum EDBC	20	21	22 Main Payroll (LA County Day 1) KG Payroll (LA County)	23 Main Payroll (LA County Day 2)
24 MEDS Recon (Former CalWIN Counties)	25 MEDS Renewal Find Balderas Cases	26 Main Payroll (56 Counties Day 1) SAR 7 Generation	27 Main Payroll (Riverside County Day 1) Main Payroll (56 Counties Day 2) Medi-Cal Reminder -2	28 Main Payroll (Riverside County Day 2)	29	30 CW/CF Redetermin ation
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