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RCA

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# 1 OVERVIEW

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This SCR will update the RCA Eligibility and Determination Benefits Calculation (EDBC) to consider income of type 'Refugee Resettlement Program' Exempt for Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) program effective June 2023.

## 1.1 Current Design

During RCA EDBC, income of category 'Loans, Gifts, Contributions', and income type 'Refugee Resettlement Program' is counted as 'Unearned' income in the CW/RCA program.

## 1.2 Request

Per ACL 24-16, ORR PL 23-04 directs counties to disregard cash grants that refugees and other eligible individuals receive through programs determined by ORR to be equivalent to federal Reception and Placement (R&P) program such as 'Refugee Resettlement Program' beginning as of June 2023.

## 1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Add new rule for RCA EDBC to exempt income of type 'Refugee Resettlement Program' effective June 2023.
2. Generate list of active RCA participants with 'Refugee Resettlement Program' income.

## 1.4 Assumptions

1. Income type 'Refugee Resettlement Program' will still be considered 'Unearned' for the CalWORKs program.

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

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### 2.1 Update the Refugee Cash Assistance EDBC to exempt income type of 'Refugee Resettlement Program.'

#### 2.1.1 Overview

Add new rule for RCA EDBC to exempt income type of 'Refugee Resettlement Program' effective June 2023 and onward. This modification will not require an update the income type code table (CT186).

#### 2.1.2 Description of Changes

1. Add new income rule for RCA EDBC to treat income type 'Refugee Resettlement Program ' (CT186\_RR) as 'Exempt' for the RCA program effective June 2023.

#### 2.1.3 Provide Programs Impacted

Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)

## 3 REQUIREMENTS

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### 3.1 Project Requirements

REQ #	REQUIREMENT TEXT	How Requirement Met
2.8.2.12	The LRS shall process eligibility determination and benefit calculation for all assistances units that are affected by any change(s).	This SCR will update EDBC to treat income type 'Refugee Resettlement Program' as 'Exempt' for RCA program effective June 2023.

## 4 OUTREACH

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### 4.1 Lists

1. **List Name:** List of active RCA cases with an active person having income type of 'Refugee Resettlement Program'.

**List Criteria:** All cases that meet the following criteria:

- i. Participant has an 'Active' RCA program person status.
- ii. Participant is in a 'Active' RCA program.
- iii. RCA participant has a high-dated income record with income type of 'Refugee Resettlement Program'.

**Standard Columns:**

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

**Additional Columns:**

- RCA Participant Name
- Income Begin Date

**Frequency:** One-time