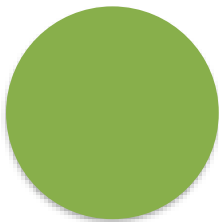




# CalSAWS | Policy Update



September 2024



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## CalWORKs – MAP and IRT Increase for 2024

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS Status	Implementation Details
10/1/2024 <a href="#">ACL 24-55</a>	<b>CA-257180</b> Implemented Release 24.07 Priority -9/5/24  <b>CA-257179</b> Implemented Release 24.07 Priority -9/5/24	<p>The following are increasing effective October 1, 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CalWORKs (CW) maximum aid payments (MAP) are increasing.</li><li>• CW Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) are increasing. Under the Semi-Annual(SAR) and Annual /Child-Only (AR/CO) reporting, recipients are required to report when the assistance unit's total income exceed the IRT.</li></ul> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update the CW MAP amounts</li><li>• Update the CW IRT values</li><li>• Update the applicable NOA snippets</li><li>• Run batch EDBC on the impacted cases to establish new benefit amounts</li></ul> <p><b>County Business Process Impact:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inform staff of the increased MAP amounts and IRT values</li><li>• Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC Batch</li></ul> <p>EDBC memorandum will be provided via CalSAWS Information Transmittal (CIT) counties mid to late August. The batch EDBC memorandum provides details on the batch EDBC process, timeline, and county action for cases not processed by batch EDBC.</p>

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## CalFresh – 2024 Cost of Living Adjustment

Policy Effective Date & State Policy Reference	CalSAWS Status	Implementation Details
10/1/2024 <a href="#">ACL 24-59</a>	<b>CA-257180</b> Implemented Release 24.07 Priority -9/5/24  <b>CA-257179</b> Implemented Release 24.07 Priority -9/5/24	<p>Effective October 1, 2024, the CalFresh (CF) maximum allotments, deduction amounts, including the, Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) and Limited Utility Allowance (LUA), and income eligibility standards will increase.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update the CF allotment, SUA, LUA and income eligibility standard values</li><li>• Update the CF standard medical deduction and medical expense vlaues</li><li>• Update the applicable NOA snippets</li><li>• Run batch EDBC on the impacted cases to establish new benefit amounts</li></ul> <p><b>County Business Process Impact:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inform staff of the increased CF values.</li><li>• Manually process the cases not processed in the batch EDBC Batch</li></ul> <p>EDBC memorandum will be provided via CalSAWS Information Transmittal (CIT) counties mid to late August. The batch EDBC memorandum provides details on the batch EDBC process, timeline, and county action for cases not processed by batch EDBC.</p>

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## CalFresh - Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

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9/1/2023 <a href="#">ACL 23-80</a>	<b>SCR CA-266312</b> Implemented Release 24.03  <b>SCR CA-215950</b> Test Release 24.09  <b>SCR CA-228131</b> New Release 25.07	<p>On June 3, 2023, the President signed into law the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (FRA), which enacts three new changes to the ABAWD time limit policy. These changes include gradually increasing the age of those subject to the ABAWD time limit, adding new exemption criteria, and limiting states' ability to accrue and carry over discretionary exemptions.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add the 11/23 State version of the CF 886 to the Template Repository</li><li>• Update EDBC to generate the 11/23 version of the CF 866</li><li>• Remove the CF 377.11C from the Template Repository</li></ul> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> Inform staff about the changes in this SCR.</p>

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## 2024/2025 Family Members Based Allocation

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7/1/2024 <a href="#">ACWDL 24-07</a>	<b>SCR CA-278513</b> Test Release 24.09	<p>Effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, the Family Member Based Allocation (FMBA) amount for a family member living with the community spouse of an institutionalized spouse or the HCBS spouse is \$2,555. The FMBA amount is used to determine how much of their income the institutionalized spouse or the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) spouse may allocate to family members.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase the FMBA limit to \$2,555, effective July ,1, 2024</li><li>• Generate a list of impacted cases</li></ul> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> Inform staff about the changes to the policy and system. County review the case list and take appropriate action, if needed.</p>

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## Medi-Cal - Home/Community-Based Services and Spousal Impoverishment Provisions

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1/1/2024 <a href="#">ACWDL 17-25</a> <a href="#">MEDIL 22-08</a>	<b>SCR CA-207655</b> Implemented Release 23.11  <b>SCR CA-241932</b> Pending Approval Release RWR	<p>The Affordable Care Act (ACA) broadened the definition of an institutionalized spouse. The new definition allows for a broader and more immediate application of the spousal impoverishment provisions for those receiving Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). The spousal impoverishment provisions allow the community spouse to retain more income and resources upon submission of a Medi-Cal application for an institutionalized spouse or a spouse who requests HCBS.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The System will track Medi-Cal (MC) Waivers on the Customer Options data collection page and no longer in a Requested Medi-Cal Type.</li><li>• Medi-Cal budgets will be created in the system to apply Spousal Impoverishment Provisions when a MC program person is requesting or eligible to 'Home and Community-Based Services Waivers'.</li><li>• The MC EDBC Rules will first evaluate for Full MC Hierarchy (Mega Mandatory and MAGI Medi-Cal), then evaluate Spousal Impoverishment with the new MC test Programs Aged and Disabled-SI, Working Disabled-SI and MC Income-SI.</li><li>• Apply a Data Change Request (DCR) to individuals associated to a removed Waiver from 'Requested Medi-Cal Type Detail' page and moved to an associated Medi-Cal Waiver in the 'Customer Options Detail' page. A list of cases were not processed in the DCR will be provided for the counties to action.</li></ul> <p>For additional details on this change, refer to the SCR design document.</p> <p><b>CalSAWS County Business Impact:</b> Inform staff about the changes to the policy and system. Action the cases that could not be processed in the DCR.</p>