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CA-250494 – Update CF MCE Journals and Trigger Conditions

1 OVERVIEW

This document outlines modifications and additions required to the CalFresh journal entries related to CE and MCE.

1.1 Current Design

The following journal entries are created based on various CalFresh budget determinations:

1. **Journal Entry #1: Household is Modified Categorically Eligible**
   a. Household's gross income did not exceed the limit for the TANF-funded service. PUB 275 was provided and the household was MCE conferred.
2. **Journal Entry #2: Household failed the Gross Income Test.**
   a. Household's gross income exceeded the limit for the TANF-funded service. Therefore, the household is no longer entitled to MCE, even though PUB 275 was provided to the household. The household's CalFresh benefits is terminated due to excess gross income limit."
3. **Journal Entry #3: Household failed either the Net Income Test or the Property Test.**
   a. Household's gross income exceeded the limit for the TANF-funded service. Therefore, the household is no longer entitled to MCE, even though PUB 275 was provided to the household. The household's CalFresh benefits is terminated due to excess net income/resource limit.
4. **Journal Entry #4: Household is not Categorically Eligible.**
   a. Since there is a sanctioned individual in the household, the CalFresh HH can not be conferred MCE.
5. **Journal Entry #5: Household is Categorically Eligible and is not Modified Categorically Eligible.**
   a. This Case is a CE Household and hence the CalFresh HH will be excluded from evaluating MCE.
6. **Journal Entry #6: Not Eligible for Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility Determination.**
   a. CF Household was previously discontinued with reason Lottery or Gambling Winnings. Household is not eligible for CE or MCE determination.

These journal entries are dependent on the program remaining active or in pending status.

1.2 Requests

The request includes review of all CF MCE Journal Entry messages and conditions. This results in the modification of existing messages and the addition of new messages based on unique triggers. Additionally, allow for journal entries to generate when the

status is active, pending, discontinued, denied, or ineligible and based on case types. This is to resolve issues in the current design wherein if the program is discontinued, denied, or ineligible, then journal entries are not generated.

The requests are as follows:

1. Modify existing journal entry messages.

Journal Entry #:	Summary
1	Household is Modified Categorically Eligible
2	Household failed the Gross Income Test.
3	Household failed either the Net Income Test or the Property Test.
4	Household is not Categorically Eligible.
5	Household is Categorically Eligible and is not Modified Categorically Eligible.
6	Not Eligible for Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility Determination

2. Add new journal entry messages.

Journal Entry #:	Summary
7	Household is not Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility, and there is an IPV convicted person.
8	Household is not Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility, and there is Fleeing Felon/Probation/Parole Violator person
9	Household is not eligible to Modified Categorical Eligibility due to zero benefit

3. The existing journal entries each have unique trigger conditions that are modified so that they may be generated when the program status is active, pending, discontinued, denied, or ineligible and based on case types.

1.3 Overview of Recommendations

The recommendations are divided into three groups:

1. Modify existing CE/MCE journal entry messages.
    a. To modify existing journal entry messages, the following modifications are required:
        i. Trigger Conditions
        ii. Long Description
        iii. Short Description
        iv. Case Types
        v. Journal Category
        vi. Journal Type
        vii. Long/Short Decode Name
        viii. Code Number
    b. NOTE: These changes are dependent on the request for each unique journal entry.
2. Add new CE/MCE journal entry messages.
    a. To add new journal entry messages, the fields noted above are defined.
3. Modify the existing journal entry conditions to allow generation when the program is active, pending, discontinued, denied, or ineligible.
    a. This is addressed individually for each journal entry in the Trigger Condition section above.

1.4 Assumptions

1. CalFresh functionality for households determined to be CE and MCE shall remain the same with the implementation of this SCR.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendation includes specifications for the modifications and additions to the CF CE and MCE Journal Entries.

1. Modify existing CE/MCE journal entry messages.

Journal Entry #1: Household is Modified Categorical Eligibility	
Trigger Condition	Generate when all the following are true: 1. The case type is Intake or Recertification. 2. The MCE Indicator is conferred meaning that the Modified Categorical Eligibility test result passes. *Note: The program status is active, pending, discontinued, denied, or ineligible.*
Long Description - Journal Entry Verbiage	The Household's gross income did not exceed the limit for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families-funded service. PUB 275 was provided and the household was Modified Categorical Eligibility conferred.
Short Description	This Household is Modified Categorical Eligibility Conferred.
Case Types	Intake and Recertification Cases
Journal Category	Eligibility
Journal Entry #2: Household failed the Gross Income Test.	
Trigger Condition	Generate when all the following are true: 1. The case type is Intake, Ongoing, or Recertification. 2. The Gross Income test result fails. *Note: The program status is active, pending, discontinued, denied, or ineligible.*
Long Description - Journal Entry Verbiage	The Household's gross income exceeded the limit for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families-funded service. Therefore, the household is not eligible to Modified Categorical Eligibility, even though PUB 275 was provided to the household. The Household is not eligible to CalFresh due to excess gross income limit.
Short Description	This Household failed the Gross Income Test.
Case Types	Intake, Ongoing, and Recertification Cases
Journal Category	Eligibility
Journal Type	MCE Determination
Journal Entry #3: Household failed either the Net Income Test or the Property Test.	
Trigger Condition	Generate when all the following are true: 1. The case type is Intake, Ongoing, or Recertification. 2. The Net Income or Property Income Test result fails. *Note: The program status is active, pending, discontinued, denied, or ineligible.*
Long Description - Journal Entry Verbiage	The Household's gross income did not exceed the limit for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families-funded

	service. PUB 275 was provided and the household was conferred Modified Categorical Eligibility. The household is not eligible to CalFresh due to excess net income/resource limit.
Short Description	This Household failed either the Net Income Test or the Property Test.
Case Types	Intake, Ongoing, and Recertification Cases
Journal Category	Eligibility
Journal Type	MCE Determination

Journal Entry #4: Household is not eligible to Modified Categorical Eligibility.	
Trigger Condition	Generate when all the following are true: 1. The case type is Intake, Ongoing, or Recertification. 2. The Household is not Modified Categorical Eligible meaning that the MCE test result fails, due to Primary applicant Work requirement non-compliance by type of Work Registration. *Note: The program status is active, pending, discontinued, denied, or ineligible.* *Note: 'CFET' is renamed 'Work Registration' Release 25.09 as a dropdown for Type of non-compliance using SCR CA-250701. The indication for Work requirement non-compliance is set if the Type of non-compliance selected is 'Work Registration.'*
Long Description - Journal Entry Verbiage	The Household is not eligible to Modified Categorical Eligibility due to the primary applicant being non-compliant with work registration requirements.
Short Description	This Household is not eligible to Modified Categorical Eligibility.
Case Types	Intake, Ongoing, and Recertification Cases
Journal Category	Eligibility
Journal Type	MCE Determination

Journal Entry #5: Household is eligible to Categorical Eligibility and not Modified Categorical Eligibility.	
Trigger Condition	Generate when all the following are true: 1. The case type is Intake, Ongoing, or Recertification. 2. The Household is Categorically Eligible meaning the CE test result passes. *Note: The program status is active, pending, discontinued, denied, or ineligible.*
Long Description - Journal Entry Verbiage	The CalFresh Household is not eligible to Modified Categorical Eligibility due to the Household being Categorically Eligible.
Short Description	This Household is eligible to Categorical Eligibility and not Modified Categorical Eligibility.
Case Types	Intake, Ongoing, and Recertification Cases
Journal Category	Eligibility
Journal Type	MCE Determination

Journal Entry #6: Not Eligible for Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility Determination.	
Trigger Condition	Generate when all the following are true: 1. The case type is Intake.

	2. The CalFresh application is going from pending to active for the BDA benefit month and the HH is not eligible for CE or MCE determination since the HH was previously discontinued with reason 'Lottery or Gambling Winnings.' *Note: The program status is pending, denied, discontinued, or ineligible.*
Long Description - Journal Entry Verbiage	The CalFresh Household was previously discontinued with the reason 'Lottery or Gambling Winnings.' The Household is not eligible for Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility Determination.
Short Description	This Household is not Eligible for Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility Determination.
Case Types	Intake Cases
Journal Category	Eligibility
Journal Type	MCE Determination

2. **Add new CE/MCE journal entry messages.**

Journal Entry #7: Household is not Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility, and there is an IPV convicted person.	
Trigger Condition	Generate when all the following are true: 1. The case type is Intake, Ongoing, or Recertification. 2. The Household is not CE or MCE due to the household containing an active individual in the home who is non-compliant by type of IPV sanctioned. *Note: The program status is active, pending, discontinued, denied, or ineligible.*
Long Description - Journal Entry Verbiage	The CalFresh Household is not eligible to Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility due to the Household containing an individual who has been convicted of an Intentional Program Violation.
Short Description	This Household is not Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility, and there is an IPV convicted person.
Case Types	Intake, Ongoing, and Recertification Cases
Journal Category	Eligibility
Journal Type	MCE Determination
Journal Entry #8: Household is not Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility, and there is Fleeing Felon/Probation/Parole Violator person.	
Trigger Condition	Generate when all the following are true: 1. The case type is Intake, Ongoing, or Recertification. 2. The Household is not Categorically Eligible or Modified Categorically Eligible due to the household containing an individual who is non-compliant by type of Drug/Fleeing Felon and is either a Fleeing Felon and/ or an individual who is a Parole/Probation Violator.

	Note: The program status is active, pending, discontinued, denied, or ineligible.
Long Description - Journal Entry Verbiage	The CalFresh Household is not eligible to Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility due to the Household containing an individual who is a Fleeing Felon/Probation/Parole Violator.
Short Description	This Household is not Categorical Eligibility or Modified Categorical Eligibility, and there is Fleeing Felon/Probation/Parole Violator person
Case Types	Intake, Ongoing, and Recertification Cases
Journal Category	Eligibility
Journal Type	MCE Determination
Journal Entry #9: Household is not eligible to Modified Categorical Eligibility due to zero benefit.	
Trigger Condition	Generate when all the following are true: 1. The case type is Intake, Ongoing, or Recertification. 2. The Household fails for zero benefit allotment meaning the household's net income exceeds the maximum amount allowable for its household size. *Note: The program status is active, pending, discontinued, denied, or ineligible.*
Long Description - Journal Entry Verbiage	The Household's gross income exceeded the limit for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families-funded service. The household's net income exceeds the maximum amount allowable for its household size and is entitled to a zero (0) benefit allotment. Therefore, the household is not entitled to Modified Categorical Eligibility, even though PUB 275 was provided to the household.
Short Description	This Household is not eligible to Modified Categorical Eligibility due to zero benefit.
Case Types	Intake, Ongoing, and Recertification Cases
Journal Category	Eligibility
Journal Type	MCE Determination

3. **Modify the existing journal entry conditions to allow generation when the program is active, pending, discontinued, denied, or ineligible.**
   a. This is addressed individually for each journal entry in the Trigger Condition section above.

2.1 Page Name – No Impact

2.2 Eligibility Rules Updates – No Impact

2.3 Batch Name – No Impact

2.4 Interface Name – No Impact

2.5 eHIT – No Impact

2.6 Form/NOA Name – No Impact

2.7 Report Name – No Impact

2.8 Data Warehouse Name – No Impact

2.9 Data Change

This section documents the Long/Short Decode Name and the Code Number that is used to identify each journal entry. For existing journal entries, Long/Short Decode Name and Code Number is documented below. For new journal entries, Long/Short Decode Name is documented below, and Code Number is to be assigned during build.

1. Modify Existing CE/MCE journal entry messages.

Journal Entry #:	Long/Short Decode Name	Code Number
1	MCE Conferred	CODE_NUM_IDENTIF FS1
2	Ongoing Case MCE not Eligible due to excess Gross Income	CODE_NUM_IDENTIF FS2
3	MCE not Eligibility due to excess Net Income/ Resource	CODE_NUM_IDENTIF FS3
4	MCE not Eligible due to sanctioned individual	CODE_NUM_IDENTIF FS4
5	CE Household	CODE_NUM_IDENTIF FS5
6	MCE or CE not eligible	CODE_NUM_IDENTIF FS6

2. Add new CE/MCE journal entry messages.

Journal Entry #:	Long/Short Decode Name	Code Number
7	MCE or CE not eligible due to IPV convicted individual	To be assigned during build.
8	MCE or CE not eligible due to Fleeing Felon, Probation, Parole Violator individual	To be assigned during build.
9	MCE not eligible due to zero benefit.	To be assigned during build.

2.10 Automated Regression Test – No Impact

3 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

N/A

4 OUTREACH

N/A

5 APPENDIX

N/A