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To	PPOC.All, Committee.MediCal_CMSP.All, Committee.CalWORKs_CalFresh.All, Committee.FosterCare.All, Committee.GA.All, Committee.CAPI.All
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CIT Name	<b>CA-290449 Posted Lists for 2026 SSA COLA Data Changes</b>

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Description	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>The purpose of this CIT is to notify counties that the lists for CA-290449 2026 Social Security Title II and Title XVI Cost of Living Adjustments (SSA COLA) have been posted to the CalSAWS Web Portal.</p> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>Per <a href="#">ACIN I-56-25</a> and <a href="#">ACWDL 25-22</a>, Social Security Administration (SSA) income will increase by 2.8 percent for 2026.</p> <p>Per <a href="#">ACWDL 25-26</a> - 2026 Medicare Premiums and Social Security Title II Cost of Living Adjustments, the monthly Medicare Part B Supplemental Medical Insurance Base premium increases to \$202.90 for 2026. The SSI/SSP Cash Grant Levels for Determining Pickle Eligibility from January 1 through December 31, 2026, and the 2026 Pickle Disregard Computation Chart were provided in Draft ACWDL 25-XX – 2026 Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment Cash Grant Levels for Determining Pickle Eligibility and Other Related Information.</p>
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**Additional Information**

CA-290449 2026 Social Security Title II and Title XVI Cost of Living Adjustments (SSA COLA) was implemented on December 6, 2025 to:

1. Apply a data change to add the new SSA income amount effective 01/01/2026 for a person receiving SSA and SSI income in continuing EDBC-based programs.
2. Update the value of the 'Backout Multiplier' to match the rate increase. The 2026 SSA COLA published SSA income increase rate is 2.8%.
3. Update CalSAWS Pickle values to match the 'Pickle Disregard Computation Chart' effective 01/01/2026.
4. Update CalSAWS to match the new SSI/SSP payment standards.
5. Increase income for the customer who is currently receiving SSA.
6. Update Medicare Part B Premium amounts stored in CalSAWS for the customers to \$202.90 effective 01/01/2026 to address the increase.
7. Create a Journal entry to document the data changes for SSA Income and Medicare Part B Premium amounts.
8. Generate lists for the counties after the data change is applied.

**County Actions**

The following one-time lists related to CA-290449 have been posted to the CalSAWS Web portal for County follow-up:

1. Individuals whose SSA Income was not updated
2. GA/GR Managed and Non-Managed with Updates
3. Individuals whose Medicare Part B Premium was not updated
4. Individuals who did not receive RSDI COLA

The lists contain all the standard columns plus any additional columns listed below and are available to counties at the following location:

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Counties must review the lists and follow the County Action as appropriate:

1. **List Name:** Individuals whose SSA Income was not updated

**List Criteria:** List includes an individual that meets the following criteria

- a. Program and Program Person Status is Active, Pending, or Ineligible for at least one of the identified EDBC-based programs\* on or after 01/01/2026.  
\* EDBC-based programs: AAP, CAPI, CF, CW, Diversion, FC, IN, KG, MC, RCA, GA/GR, ARC, TCF
- b. Is a non-hidden and non-duplicate person  
**Note:** If an individual is hidden on one case but non-hidden on another case, they will be considered on the list criteria as well
- c. Does not have a "UP" Role
- d. Has an SSA income detail record that was not changed by the 2026 SSA COLA data change
  - i. The income category is Social Security
  - ii. The income amount detail has a begin date before 01/01/2026
  - iii. The income amount detail has no end date (high-dated) or is end dated on or after 01/01/2026.
  - iv. The "Reported Amount" is not \$0, or "Income Adjustment" and "Unreported Amount" amount have non-zero values.
  - v. The income amount detail is not updated by staff\_id = '92' (System)

**Note:** This list will not bring back records where the "Reported Amount" is \$0, and "Income Adjustment" or "Unreported Amount" is blank.

**Additional Column(s):**

- Begin Date
- SSA End Date
- Adjusted Amount >\$0
- Unreported Amount >\$0
- Reported Amount
- Household Status  
Note: A Blank "Household Status" means there is no existing high-dated household record associated with the individual
- SSI/SSP Individual  
Note: This column will consist of values (Y/N)
- Program Type
- CIN #
- Person Name  
Note: Person Name Format is <First Name Last Name>
- DOB
- Aid Code  
Note: <Blank> may be included where individuals have a Role of FRI or the individual is pending on the program

**County Action:** Counties can use this list to verify that SSA income amounts are correct and take action if needed.

2. **List Name:** GA/GR Managed and Non-Managed with Updates

**List Criteria:** Cases where all the following conditions are true:

- a. The data change has been applied by Recommendation 2.1.
- b. Case contains at least one program, that is not run by batch: GA/GR Managed and GA/GR Non-Managed
- c. The data change in recommendation 2.1 was applied to a person that is "Pending", "Active", or "Ineligible" effective 01/01/2026 on the GA/GR Managed and GA/GR Non-Managed Programs.

**Additional Column:**

- Program Type
- Person Name  
Note: Person Name Format is <First Name Last Name>

**County Action:** Counties can review cases and run EDBC to apply updated SSA income amounts.

3. **List Name:** Individuals whose Medicare Part B Premium was not updated

**List Criteria:** List includes an individual that meets the following criteria:

- a. Program and Program Person Status is Active, Pending, or Ineligible on at least one of the identified EDBC-based programs\* on or after 01/01/2026  
\* EDBC-based programs: MC, CF, TCF
- b. Is a non-hidden and non-duplicate person  
**Note:** If an individual is hidden on one case but non-hidden on another case, they need to be considered on the list.
- c. Does not have a "UP" Role
- d. Has Medicare Part B Premium record that was not changed by the 2026 SSA COLA data change

- i. The Medicare Part B Premium record has no end date (high-dated) or is end dated on or after 01/01/2026.
- ii. The Medicare Part B Premium record has a begin date before 01/01/2026
- iii. The individual had more than one high-dated Medicare part B premium record.
- iv. The Medicare Part B Premium record is not updated by staff\_id = '92' (System).

**Additional Columns:**

- Part B Payment Amount
- Part B Payment Method
- Begin Date
- Medicare End Date
- Duplicate Medicare
- Household Status

Note: A blank "Household Status" means there is no existing high-dated household record associated with the individual

- SSI/SSP Individual

Note: This column will consist of values (Y/N)

- Program Type
- CIN #
- Person Name

Note: Person Name Format is <First Name Last Name>

- DOB
- Aid Code

Note: <Blank> may be included where Individuals have a Role of FRI or the individual is pending on the program

**County Action:** Counties can use this list to verify that Medicare Premium Amounts are correct and take action if needed.

4. **List Name:** Individuals who did not receive RSDI COLA

**List Criteria:** List includes an active non-hidden and non-duplicate individual on an active Medi-Cal program in January 2026 or later where there is an SSA income record and where the questions answered are as below:

- a. Since April 1977, has this person received or has been entitled to receive both RSDI and SSI/SSP in the same month? is "Yes"
- b. Has this person been discontinued from SSI/SSP? is "Yes"
- c. Has this person received a RSDI COLA increase in any month since SSI/SSP was discontinued? is "No".

**Additional Columns:**

- CIN #
- Person Name

Note: Person Name Format is <First Name Last Name>

- DOB
- Receiving SSI/SSP

Note: This column will consist of values (Y/N)

- Aid code

**County Action:** Counties can review this list to ensure that the answer to the question "Has this person received a RSDI COLA increase in any month since SSI/SSP was discontinued?" is correct and make any updates is needed.

	<p>Copy your Regional Manager(s) on any questions you might send to the Primary or Backup Project Contact.</p>
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