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1 OVERVIEW

Deprivation must be evaluated for the CalWORKs (CW) program during reporting at SAR7 and/or RE.

1.1 Current Design

The deprivation hierarchy for CalWORKs is:
1) Death
2) Absence
3) Incapacity
4) Unemployment

EDBC will only determine Death deprivation when the parent is a household member, a deceased date is added on the Individual Demographics Detail page, and the household status is updated from 'In the Home' to 'Permanently Out of the Home'. Outside of these conditions Death deprivation is not being determined when running CW EDBC.

1.2 Requests

When case conditions impact deprivation mid-period, EDBC will ignore the change. CW EDBC will only evaluate deprivation at SAR 7 or RE.

Update EDBC logic to consider deceased Parent (biological/adoptive) part of the program for Death deprivation regardless of when the parent is 'Out of Home'. This includes scenarios where the 'Absence' deprivation was determined for the kids for the 'Out of Home' living parent, but they passed away in the meantime. Update CW EDBC to determine Death deprivation for the following scenarios:

1. When the parent has been a household member but has previously been marked as 'Permanently Out of the Home' and a deceased date is added to the Individual Demographics Detail page.
2. When the parent has not been a household member, is only listed on the case as an absent parent on the Support Questionnaire page, and a the 'Is this parent deceased?' question is marked Yes.

1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Add a new 'Is this parent deceased?' field to the Support Questionnaire page with an additional dynamic Date field, when marked Yes.

2. Update EDBC to reevaluate deprivation for CalWORKs at SAR7 or RE and prevent a change in deprivation mid-period.
3. Update the CW EDBC to determine Death deprivation when the parent is marked ''Permanently Out of the Home' and a deceased date is added to the Individual Demographics Detail page.
4. Update CW EDBC to determine Death deprivation when the parent is only known to the case on the Support Questionnaire page and the new field 'Is this parent deceased?' is marked as Yes.

1.4 Assumptions

1. There will be no impact to any other cash aid programs with this SCR.
2. There is no set policy date for this SCR, this logic will go into effect at the time of release.
3. MC EDBC does not determine deprivation and will not be impacted by this SCR.
4. All existing functionalities will remain unchanged unless called out as part of this SCR.
5. There will be no CC impact with the addition of new 'Is this parent deceased?' field on support questionnaire page. Form will continue to generate upon action of save button and selection of generate button. The CW 2.1 Q (support questionnaire) form will not have any changes made to it, but can cause duplicates to possibly be sent out.
6. When any changes are made and saved on the Support Questionnaire page, CalSAWS will automatically send an update to Child Support. Any change to the new 'Is this parent deceased?' field will also trigger an update to Child Support. However, no change is being made to the CCSAS interface. Death information is not sent via CCSAS.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

When running CW EDBC for SAR 7 or RE deprivation must be evaluated to ensure the most appropriate deprivation is applied to the case. Deprivation will not change mid-period. To ensure the most appropriate deprivation is determined by EDBC, a new field will be added to the Support Questionnaire page and CW EDBC will be updated to evaluate deprivation exclusively at SAR 7 and RE.

2.1 Support Questionnaire

2.1.1 Overview

The Support Questionnaire page is an existing page in CalSAWS that allows users to add, edit, and view support information of an Absent Parent(s) to the child(ren) associated to a case. This SCR will update the Support Questionnaire page to enable users to capture if an absent parent is deceased.

2.1.2 Support Questionnaire Mockup

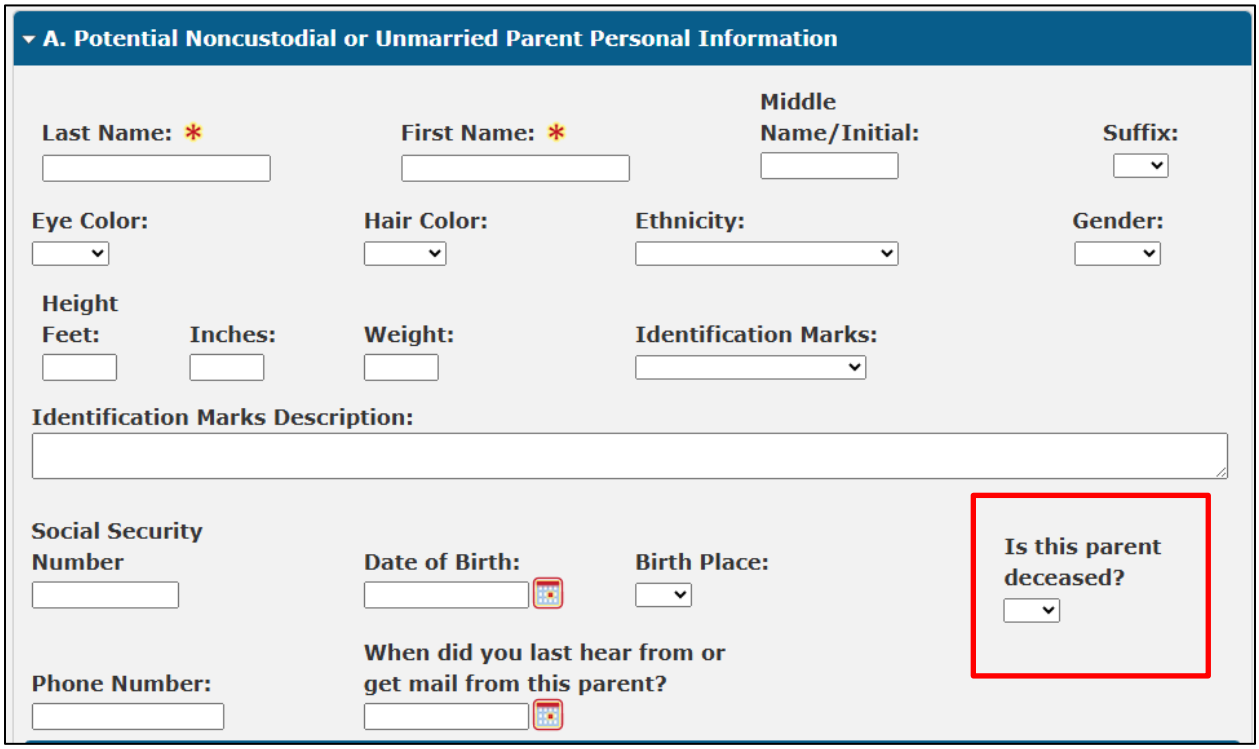

Figure 2.1.1 – Support Questionnaire (Create/Edit)

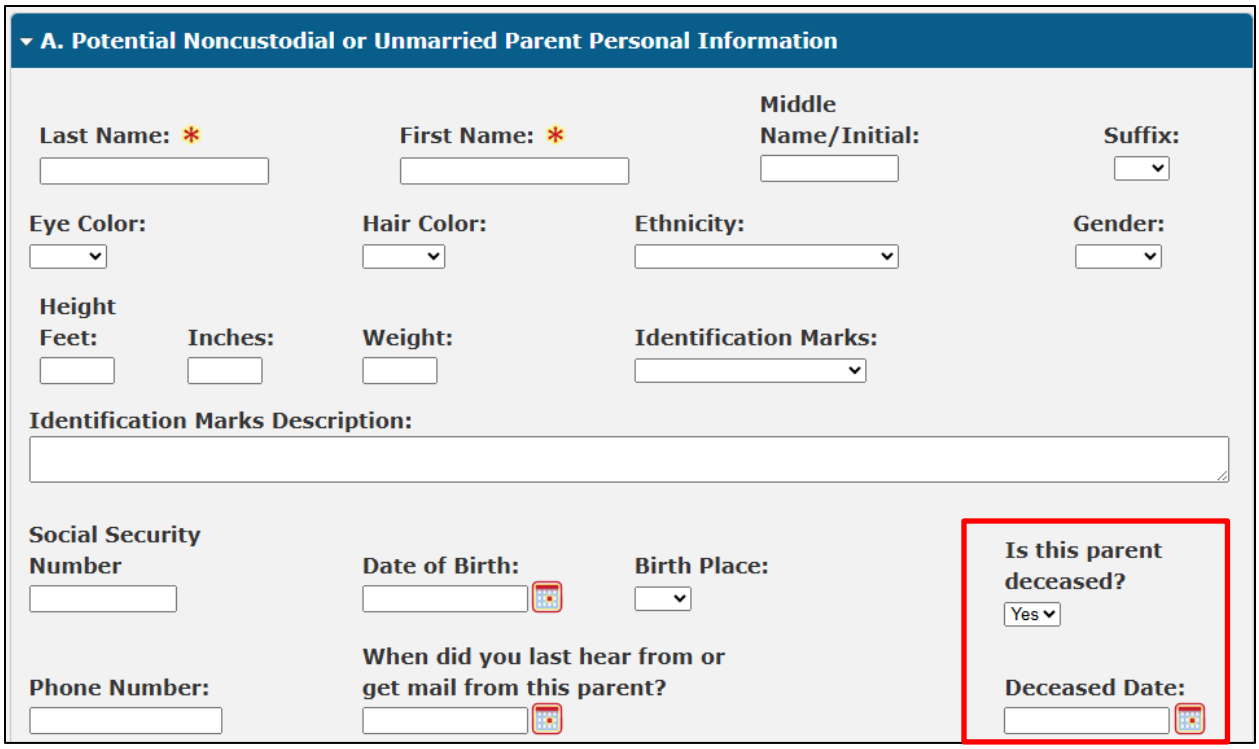

Figure 2.1.2 – Support Questionnaire (Create/Edit) – Yes Deceased

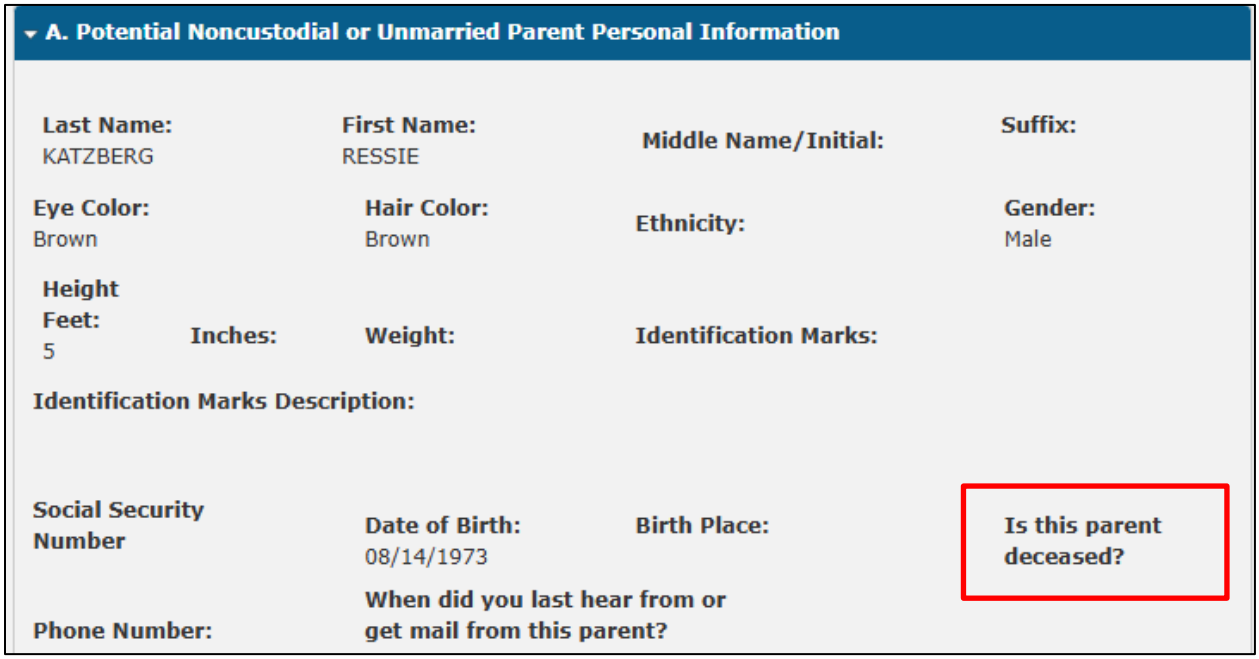

Figure 2.1.3 – Support Questionnaire (View) – Is this parent deceased? - Blank

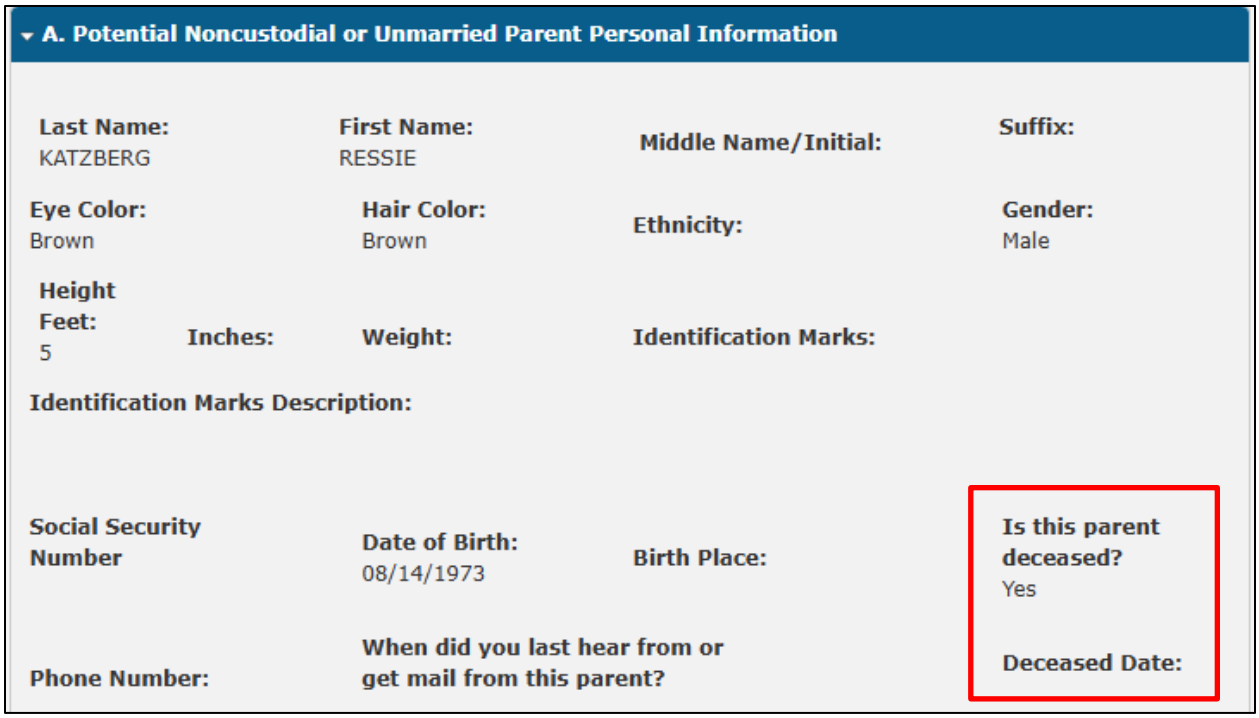

Figure 2.1.4 – Support Questionnaire (View) – Is this parent deceased? – Yes; No Deceased Date

2.1.3 Description of Changes

1. Add a new optional dropdown field labeled "Is this parent deceased?" to Section "A. Potential Noncustodial or Unmarried Parent Personal Information" on the Support Questionnaire page, to the right of Birth place field.
    a. In Edit/Create Mode:
        i. Display dropdown field.
        ii. Dropdown default to "Blank".
        iii. Dropdown Options:
            1. Blank
            2. Yes
            3. No
    b. In View Mode, display "Is parent deceased?" field label and display blank, yes, or No response as static text beneath the field label.
2. Add a new optional dynamic date picker field labeled "Deceased Date" that appears when "Is this parent deceased?" field is "Yes".
    a. In Edit/Create Mode:
        i. Deceased Date default to blank.
        ii. Deceased Date cannot be a future date.
        iii. Deceased Date must be in MM/DD/YYYY format.
        iv. Deceased Date must be a valid calendar date.
        v. Add Validation that appears when user attempts to Save a Deceased Date that is after the current system date.
            1. Validation to read: "Deceased Date – Deceased Date cannot be a future date."

2. When Deceased Date validation is triggered, do not save Support Questionnaire fields to record. User must correct Deceased Date to be a valid date prior to saving.

vi. Add Validation that appears when user attempts to Save a Deceased Date that is not a valid system date.

1. Validation to read: "Deceased Date – Must be a valid calendar date and be in the form MM/DD/YYYY."

b. In View Mode:

i. Display "Deceased Date" field label and blank field or date value as static text beneath the field label. (See Figure 2.1.4)

3. Update the Transaction History page for the Support Questionnaire to accommodate changes to "Is this parent deceased?" and "Deceased Date" fields.

2.1.4 Page Location

- **Global:** Eligibility
- **Local:** Customer Information
- **Task:** Absent Parents
  - Absent/Unmarried Parent List
    - Name Hyperlink →Support Questionnaire (View Mode)
    - Edit → Support Questionnaire (Edit Mode)
    - Add → Support Questionnaire (Create Mode)

2.1.5 Security Updates

N/A

2.1.6 Page Mapping

Update page mapping to reflect changes to Support Questionnaire page.

2.1.7 Accessibility

The Support Questionnaire page should be assessed for accessibility requirements to meet Accessibility Standards.

2.1.8 Page Usage/Data Volume Impacts

N/A

2.2 Update EDBC logic to re-establish deprivation only at new reporting period

2.2.1 Overview

When CW EDBC is run outside of SAR 7 or RE, deprivation will not be impacted. Update CW EDBC to prevent deprivation evaluation when running mid-period for ongoing cases. There is no impact to intake case. Deprivation will continue to be determined by CW EDBC for intake cases.

2.2.2 Description of Changes

1. Update CW EDBC logic to limit deprivation determination to:
    a. CW EDBC is being run at intake
    b. CW EDBC is being run at SAR 7
    c. CW EDBC is being run at RE
    d. Prevent deprivation determination when CW EDBC is being run mid period.

2.2.3 Example Scenarios

Active CW case with 2 parents and 1 child. Parent 1 is the PWE (Primary Wage Earner) and work hours have dropped to 10 hours per week. Deprivation is determined to be 'Unemployment', and the household is receiving the maximum allotment. Mid-period, Parent 2 verifies that they are disabled and a medical condition is added to the case. When the worker runs EDBC mid-period, deprivation does not change. When the next report (SAR7 or RE) is run, EDBC will update deprivation from 'Unemployment' to 'Incapacity'.

2.2.4 Programs Impacted

CalWORKs

2.2.5 Performance Impacts

No Performance Impact.

2.3 EDBC rule update for 'Permanently Out of Household' deceased absent parent

2.3.1 Overview

When the absent parent has been added to the case and has a Household Status of 'Permanently Out of the Home', EDBC will be updated to recognize when a deceased date record is added to the Individual Demographics page and determine Death deprivation.

2.3.2 Description of Changes

1. Update CW EDBC logic when running at SAR7/RE to apply 'Death' deprivation when the following are true:
    a. CW EDBC is being run at SAR 7 or RE
    b. The absent parent has been a case member
    c. The absent parent is not active on the CW program
    d. The absent parent has an existing Household Status of 'Permanently Out of the Home'
    e. The absent parent has a newly added Deceased Date saved on the Individual Demographics Detail page
2. Update CW EDBC logic when running at SAR7/RE to apply 'Death' deprivation when the following are true:
    a. CW EDBC is being run at SAR 7 or RE
    b. The absent parent has been a case member
    c. The absent parent is not active on CW Program
    d. The absent parent has an existing Household status of 'Permanently Out of the Home'
    e. The absent parent is linked to a Support Questionnaire record
    f. The 'Is this parent deceased?" field is marked as Yes

Technical Note: This will apply in re-application, rescind, and intake modes.

2.3.3 Example Scenarios

Active CW program with 1 parent and 1 child. The current deprivation is 'Absence'. The absent parent was at one time a household member and is currently marked as 'Permanently Out of the Home'. During RE the recipient provides verification that the absent parent is deceased. The worker updates the Individual Demographics Detail page for the absent parent and saves the death information. When running EDBC for CW RE, the deprivation is updated from 'Absence' to 'Death'.

2.3.4 Programs Impacted

CalWORKs

2.3.5 Performance Impacts

No Performance Impact.

2.4 Update EDBC logic to re-establish deprivation for Deceased absent parent

2.4.1 Overview

When the absent parent has not been added to the case and is listed on the Support Questionnaire page, EDBC will be updated to recognize when a Yes to the 'Is this Parent Deceased?' question on the Support Questionnaire page and determine Death deprivation.

2.4.2 Description of Changes

1. Update EDBC logic to re-establish deprivation to 'Death' for a CW case when the following is true:
    a. CW EDBC is being run at Intake, SAR 7, or RE
    b. The absent parent has never been a case member
    c. The Support Questionnaire page is completed for the absent parent
    d. The "Is this parent deceased?" field is marked as Yes on the Support Questionnaire page for the absent parent

2.4.3 Example Scenarios

Active CW program with 1 parent and 1 child. The Support Questionnaire page has been completed with details about the absent parent, who has never been a case member. There is currently 'Absence' deprivation. During SAR 7 the recipient provides verification that the absent parent is deceased. The worker updates the Support Questionnaire page by answering Yes to the "Is this parent deceased?" field. When running EDBC for CW SAR 7, the deprivation is updated from 'Absence' to 'Death'.

2.4.4 Programs Impacted

CalWORKs

2.4.5 Performance Impacts

No Performance Impact.

2.5 [Batch Name] – No Impact

2.6 [Interface Name] – No Impact

2.7 [eHIT] – No Impact

2.8 [Form/NOA Name] - No Impact

2.9 [Report Name] – No Impact

2.10 [Data Warehouse Name] - No Impact

2.11 [Data Change] - No Impact

2.12 Regression Test Support Questionnaire generation

2.12.1 Overview

With the newly added 'Is this parent deceased' field and 'deceased date' on the support questionnaire page, regression testing needs to be done to ensure that details are being sent to child support on the absent member transaction.

2.12.2 Description of Change

1. When worker updates the 'is this parent deceased' field on support questionnaire page and clicks 'save' button then the latest information will be sent to child support on the absent parent member transaction.
    a. The 'is this parent deceased' field and 'deceased date' will not appear on the information being sent to child support in which duplicate information could be sent as previous form would have the same information, however this is expected and captured under assumption #5

2.13 [Automated Regression Test]

2.13.1 Overview

Update existing regression tests to add testing for the recommendations listed above.

2.13.2 Description of Change

1. Evaluate each system test scenario for the potential of automation. Known exclusionary criteria:
    a. Temporary or one-time changes (ex., Data Change Requests, operational batch job execution)
    b. Technical limitations (ex., visual comparison of a static document against a template)
    c. Security restrictions (ex., access to an external service requiring Multi-Factor Authentication)
    d. Required manual intervention (ex., physical printing, document scanning, forced service outage)
2. For each scenario determined to be an automation candidate, modify the system test scenario to be executable as part of the Regression Test Suite. This may include the following:
    a. Repeatability: The script must be able to execute multiple times between data refreshes
3. Targetability: The script must fully and accurately verify the actual result against the expected result of the scenario.

3 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

N/A

4 OUTREACH

4.1 Lists – No Impact

5 APPENDIX

N/a