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# CA-281424 – Phase 2 Family Reunification

## 1 OVERVIEW

### 1.1 Current Design

Family Reunification (FR) effective January 1, 2025, when all CalWORKs-eligible children were removed from the home, the AU will be eligible for CalWORKs cash aid, child care, and reunification services for up to six full months when all the following conditions apply:

1. Worker adds an FR record for the AU in the 'Family Reunification Detail' page for the month eligible.
2. All CalWORKs-eligible children marked 'Out of the Home' with reason 'Child Removed by CWS'. For the purposes of CalWORKs FR eligibility, "all CalWORKs-eligible children were removed from the home" includes families in which a parent is either receiving aid as a pregnant-person only (PPO) assistance unit and a newborn is removed from the home or receiving aid as an existing CalWORKs FR family.
3. The family was receiving CalWORKs cash aid when all CalWORKs-eligible children were removed from the home. At least one parent or needy caretaker relative must have been aided at the time of the child(ren)'s removal to be eligible for CalWORKs FR cash aid, child care, and reunification services.

EDBC will evaluate for FR Cash and/or services starting from the FR Begin Month from the 'Family Reunification Detail' page till the FR End Month if exists or up to 6 months if FR End month is blank. Once 6 months of cash benefits if good cause is not selected the program will disc.

If "FR Services Only" is selected from the online page, CW Program will be Active with \$0 grant for up to 6 months unless "Good Cause" is selected.

If Good Cause is not selected, CW Program will be discontinued with existing discontinuance reason "No Elig. Child" at the end of the FR services period.

All AUs eligible for FR cash/services are given one of the following aid codes:

1. '4R' If the family is of two Parent and all the child(ren) of the family is temporarily out-of-home with reason "Child Removed by CWS"
2. '4P' For all the other families and if all the child(ren) of the family is temporarily out-of-home with reason "Child Removed by CWS"

### 1.2 Requests

1. CW FR households are not eligible for HA-perm benefits.
2. CW AU is eligible for FR if the only remaining child[ren] in the home is receiving SSI/SSP

3. SSI/SSP child[ren] should not be included in the FR budgeting and grant calculation.
4. Allow services only for WTW sanctioned adults in the FR HH, but FR cash for the eligible children.

### 1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Update CW FR households to be ineligible to Homeless – Perm
2. Update CW EDBC to prevent UP child[ren] (SSI/SSP) from being included in the FR eligibility determination and grant calculation.
3. Update CW EDBC to approve FR when there remains an SSI/SSP child[ren] in the HH but all CW eligible child[ren] have been removed.
4. Update CW EDBC to approve services only for WTW sanctioned adults in the FR HH, but FR cash for the eligible children.

### 1.4 Assumptions

1. Current FR functionality unless specified in this document shall remain unchanged with the implementation of this SCR.
2. If a county chooses to provide supportive services for a sanctioned individual participating in FR, users may use the WTW program status of 'Curing Sanction' to issue supportive services.
3. Mid Period EDBC functionality is not impacted by this change.
4. SSI/SSP children are given the role of UP in the CalWORKs program.
5. Parents with sanctions/penalties other than WTW will remain ineligible to FR Services.
6. Additional changes for break in aid, aiding the other parent when FR children are placed with them, and other FR changes will be addressed in the future phased SCR **CA-293122 Phase 3 Family Reunification**.

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

### 2.1 [Page Name] – No Impact

### 2.2 Update CalWORKs Family Reunification HA-Perm Eligibility

#### 2.2.1 Overview

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CalWORKs Family Reunification households are not eligible to receive Homeless Assistance-Permanent (HA-Perm) benefits.

#### 2.2.2 Description of Changes

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1. Update HA-Perm EDBC logic to deny eligibility with the existing Status Reason CT73\_11 'No Eligible MEM' when:
  - a. The applicants are active on a CalWORKs program for the same benefit month with aid code '4P' or '4R' OR;
  - b. CW is pending in the current case, and all the following conditions are true:
    - i. The source of the CW program is 'ICT' on the receiving County case.
    - ii. The most recent status for the ICT is "In Process" and the Status Date is not more than 90 days ago
    - iii. CW is in 'Pending' status on the receiving County case.
    - iv. The latest aid code for CW in the sending county is '4P' or '4R'

#### 2.2.3 Example Scenarios

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**Disclaimer:** *The below scenarios **are not** requirements. They are meant to help guide understanding and testing and may mention items that are not being changed by the specific language in the requirements*

Example1:

CW AU of 3, 1 parent and 2 children apply for CW benefits 01/01/2025. Running EDBC for 01/2025 determined the AU to be eligible for CW and benefits were granted. 04/15/2025 both the children in the AU were removed with reason 'Child Removed by CWS' and the worker adds a FR record in the Family Reunification Detail page starting 06/2025. Running EDBC for 06/2025 family established FR cash and is under the aid code '4P'. The parent applies for HA-Perm starting 07/01/2025, running EDBC for HA-Perm will deny the AU with reason 'No Eligible MEM' because the AU is receiving cash benefits under FR.

Example2:

CW AU of 3, 1 parent and 2 children apply for CW benefits 01/01/2025. Running EDBC for 01/2025 determined the AU to be eligible for CW and benefits were granted. 04/15/2025 both the children in the AU were removed with reason 'Child Removed by CWS' and the worker adds a FR record in the Family Reunification Detail page starting 06/2025. Running EDBC for 06/2025 family established FR cash and is under the aid code '4P'. eICT was initiated from the current county (county A) to county B on 07/01/2025. CW is pending in receiving county (county B). The parent applies for HA-Perm on 07/12/2025 in county B, running EDBC for HA-Perm with pending CW and an ICT with status of In Process will deny the program with reason 'No Eligible MEM' because the AU is receiving cash benefits under FR.

### 2.2.4 Programs Impacted

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HA-Perm

### 2.2.5 Performance Impacts

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None

## 2.3 Update CalWORKs Family Reunification Eligibility Determination and Grant Calculation

### 2.3.1 Overview

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CalWORKs family shall be eligible for CalWORKs FR services and cash aid with a valid FR begin month in the FR detail page for the benefit month when all eligible children are removed from the home with reason 'Child Removed by CWS' and the only children remaining in the home have a role of 'UP'. Unaided children will continue to be excluded from the grant calculation in CalWORKs FR EDBC.

CalWORKs AU is eligible for FR cash benefits for all eligible children removed by CWS even if the parent/s in the AU are WTW sanctioned. Sanctioned parents are not eligible for cash benefits until they clear the sanction. Children removed by CWS are eligible to receive FR cash benefits when recommended by CWS.

### 2.3.2 Description of Changes

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1. Update CW EDBC logic to determine FR cash aid or services eligibility with an FR record that starts on or before the benefit month EDBC is run for and when all the conditions are met:
  - a. At least one active 'MEM' Child in the AU for the benefit month.
  - b. All Active children in the AU with a role other than 'UP' are temporarily removed from the home with reason 'Child Removed by CWS' for the benefit month.
  - c. All active parents are MEM or 'FRE' with role reason 'CW Non Part.' due to a WTW non-compliance for the benefit month.

Program Configuration					
<b>System Determination</b>					
EDBC Source: Online EDBC Rules					
Aid Code: 4P - CW Family Reunification-All Families					
Program Status: Active					
Note: Overridden rows are in bold.					
Name	DOB	Role	Role Reason	Status	Status Reason
<b>FR_Child 10M</b>	01/01/2015	FSO	CalWORKs Family Reunification	Active	
<b>FR_Parent 37M</b>	01/01/1988	FRE	CW Non Part.	Active	
<a href="#">Override Program Configuration</a>					

2. Update CW FR EDBC logic to determine children that are active 'MEM' to be eligible for FR benefits. Children eligible for FR benefits shall be determined to be FSO – Family Size Only role with Role Reason 'CalWORKs Family Reunification' (CT73\_Y2). Non-Member children shall remain active following the existing CalWORKs rules and are not eligible for cash benefits.
3. Active 'MEM' parents and 'FSO' children with reason 'CalWORKs Family Reunification' shall only be included in the AU Size, MAP Family Unit size, MBSAC Family Unit Size, and grant calculation.

### 2.3.3 Example Scenarios

**Disclaimer:** The below scenarios **are not** requirements. They are meant to help guide understanding and testing and may mention items that are not being changed by the specific language in the requirements

Example 1:

CW AU of 4, 2 parent and 2 children apply for CW benefits 01/01/2025. Running EDBC for 01/2025 determined the AU to be eligible for CW and benefits were granted. Child1 is receiving SSI starting 04/01/2025. Running EDBC for 04/2025 Child 1 is 'UP' with reason 'Gets SSI'. On 05/01/2025 Child 2 was temporarily removed from the household with reason 'Child removed by CWS' and Child 1 remains in the home. The worker adds a FR record in the Family Reunification Detail page starting 07/2025. Running EDBC for 07/2025 established FR cash with aid code '4R' and cash benefits are granted for an AU of 3 (Parent1, Parent2, and Child2). Child1 remains active 'UP' with reason 'Gets SSI' and Child 2 is FSO with reason 'CalWORKs Family Reunification'.

Example 2:

CW AU of 3, 1 parent and 2 children apply for CW benefits 01/01/2025. Running EDBC for 01/2025 determined the AU to be eligible for CW and benefits were granted. Child 1 was determined to be 'FRE' with reason 'Ineligible Non Citizen'. On 05/01/2025 both children were temporarily removed from the AU with reason 'Child removed by CWS' and the worker adds a FR record in the Family Reunification Detail page starting 07/2025. Running EDBC for 07/2025 family established FR cash and is under the aid code '4P' and are granted cash benefits for an AU of 2 (Parent and Child2). Only when both children are removed from the AU with reason 'Child removed by CWS' the AU is eligible for FR. Child1 remains 'FRE' with reason 'Ineligible Non Citizen' and is not included in benefit allotment calculations.

Example3:

CW AU of 3, 1 parent and 2 children apply for CW benefits 9/01/2025. Running EDBC for 9/2025 determined the AU to be eligible for CW and benefits were granted. Parent has a WTW non-compliance starting 11/01/2025. Running EDBC for 11/2025 Parent1 is 'FRE' with reason 'CW Non Part.'. 12/05/2025 both children were removed from the AU with reason 'Child removed by CWS'. Worker adds a FR record in the Family Reunification Detail page starting 02/2026. Running EDBC for 02/2026 AU established FR cash with aid code '4P' and granted cash benefits for an AU of 2 (Child1 and Child2). Because the parent is WTW sanctioned, they are eligible for services only and are not eligible for cash until they cure the WTW sanction.

Example 4:

CW AU of 4, 2 parents and 2 children apply for CW benefits 01/01/2025. Running EDBC for 01/2025 determined the AU to be eligible for CW and benefits were granted. On 04/01/2025 both children were temporarily removed from the AU with reason 'Child removed by CWS'. Worker adds a FR record in the Family Reunification Detail page starting 06/2025. Running EDBC for 06/2025 AU established FR cash with aid code '4R' and granted cash benefits for an AU of 4 (2 parents and 2 children). Parent1 has a WTW non-compliance starting 9/2025. Running EDBC for 09/2025 Parent1 is 'FRE' with reason 'CW Non Part.', and the FR cash is granted with aid code '4R' and has a cash allotment for an AU of 3 (Parent2, Child1 and Child2).

### 2.3.4 Programs Impacted

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CW

### 2.3.5 Performance Impacts

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None

## 2.4 [Batch Name] – No Impact

**2.5 [Interface Name] – No Impact**

**2.6 [eHIT] – No Impact**

**2.7 [Form/NOA Name] – No Impact**

**2.8 [Report Name] – No Impact**

**2.9 [Data Warehouse Name] – No Impact**

**2.10 [Data Change] – No Impact**

**2.11 [Automated Regression Test] – No Impact**

### **3 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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### **4 OUTREACH**

**4.1 Lists – No Impact**