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CIT Name	CA-297075 ACL 26-03 CFAP Parolee Eligibility Interim Process

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Description	<p>Purpose The purpose of this CIT is to provide Counties with a temporary Interim Process for implementing ACL 26-03 policy until System automation is available.</p> <p>Background ACL 26-03 (January 15, 2026) California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) Parolee Eligibility provides updated policy guidance for parolees granted parole under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Effective June 1, 2026, parolees who have not met the five-year waiting period or an exemption under 7 CFR 273.4(a)(6)(ii) will be eligible to receive CFAP benefits regardless of parole length, provided all other eligibility requirements are met.</p> <p>For ongoing households, any parolee previously excluded solely due to not meeting the one-year parole duration requirement must be added as a CFAP household member at the household's next recertification, if otherwise eligible. If the household voluntarily requests to add the parolee mid-period and the change increases benefits, the county must take action. If the change decreases benefits, the county must hold the information until recertification.</p>
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Additional Information

Currently, parolees granted parole for a period of less than one year are not receiving CalFresh or CFAP benefits.

SCR CA-297075 ACL 26-03 CFAP Parolee Eligibility was created to update the System to automate this policy. This SCR is tentatively scheduled for Release 26.09.

County Actions

Until SCR CA-297075 is implemented, workers must take the following steps as described below for parolees granted parole for a period of less than one year.

Note: No action needs to be taken for parolees granted parole for one year or more.

For CalFresh Intake (applications dated as of 06/01/2026) and Recertification (as of June 2026 RE Due Month):

When completing Citizenship Status Detail follow actions below:

1. On CFAP eligible individual's Citizenship Status Detail page, update Parolee Type to 'Parolee-One year or more' and Save and Return.
2. Run EBDC for June (or applicable month) to high end month.
3. Follow business process to flag case and Journal actions.

If an excluded parolee voluntarily requests to be added mid-period to an ongoing case as of 06/01/2026:

- Determine whether adding the parolee will increase the CalFresh benefit amount. If the addition results in a benefit increase, follow the steps above to add the parolee.
- If the addition results in a benefit decrease, add the parolee at recertification.

If you have questions on this CIT, please reach out to the Primary or Backup Project Contact listed below and cc your Regional Manager(s).

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Attachments

None

Communication Portal Link

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