

2026 - 2027 CalSAWS Deployment Schedule
as of 05/04/2026

| Release # | Release Date | Production Deployment Date | as of 03/02/2026 | SCR Freeze | Defect Freeze | DBCR/CTCR Freeze | Hard Defect Freeze | Build Approved | Release Legend |
|-----------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 26.01 | 1/26/2026 | 1/25/2026 | | 11/28/2025 | 1/2/2026 | 1/7/2026 | 1/9/2026 | 1/21/2026 | CalSAWS Baseline |
| BC 26.01 | 1/29/2026 | 1/29/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release | 1/21/2026 | 1/21/2026 | 1/26/2026 | 1/26/2026 | 1/27/2026 | CalSAWS Priority Release |
| CH 26.02 | 2/23/2026 | 2/22/2026 | CH + CalSAWS related changes | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2/12/2026 | 2/19/2026 | CalHEERS Release |
| 26.02 | 2/23/2026 | 2/22/2026 | CalSAWS + BC related changes | 11/7/2025 | 2/6/2026 | 2/2/2026 | 2/13/2026 | 2/18/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release |
| BC 26.02 | 2/26/2026 | 2/26/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release | 2/18/2026 | 2/18/2026 | 2/23/2026 | 2/23/2026 | 2/24/2026 | |
| 26.03 | 3/23/2026 | 3/22/2026 | | 1/30/2026 | 2/27/2026 | 3/4/2026 | 3/6/2026 | 3/18/2026 | |
| BC 26.03 | 3/26/2026 | 3/26/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release | 3/18/2026 | 3/18/2026 | 3/23/2026 | 3/23/2026 | 3/24/2026 | |
| BC 26.04 | 4/30/2026 | 4/30/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release | 4/22/2026 | 4/22/2026 | 4/27/2026 | 4/27/2026 | 4/28/2026 | |
| 26.05 | 5/18/2026 | 5/17/2026 | | 3/27/2026 | 4/24/2026 | 4/29/2026 | 5/1/2026 | 5/13/2026 | |
| BC 26.05 | 5/28/2026 | 5/28/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release | 5/20/2026 | 5/19/2026 | 5/24/2026 | 5/22/2026 | 5/26/2026 | |
| CH 26.06 | 6/15/2026 | 6/14/2026 | CH + CalSAWS related changes | N/A | N/A | N/A | 6/4/2026 | 6/11/2026 | |
| BC 26.06 | 6/25/2026 | 6/25/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release | 6/17/2026 | 6/17/2026 | 6/22/2026 | 6/22/2026 | 6/23/2026 | |
| 26.07 | 7/20/2026 | 7/19/2026 | | 5/22/2026 | 6/26/2026 | 7/1/2026 | 7/3/2026 | 7/15/2026 | |
| BC 26.07 | 7/30/2026 | 7/30/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release | 7/22/2026 | 7/22/2026 | 7/27/2026 | 7/27/2026 | 7/28/2026 | |
| BC 26.08 | 8/27/2026 | 8/27/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release | 8/19/2026 | 8/19/2026 | 8/24/2026 | 8/24/2026 | 8/25/2026 | |
| CH 26.09 | 9/21/2026 | 9/20/2026 | CH + CalSAWS related changes | N/A | N/A | N/A | 9/17/2026 | 9/18/2026 | |
| 26.09 | 9/21/2026 | 9/20/2026 | CalSAWS + BC related changes | 7/24/2026 | 8/28/2026 | 9/2/2026 | 9/4/2026 | 9/16/2026 | |
| BC 26.09 | 9/24/2026 | 9/24/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release | 9/16/2026 | 9/16/2026 | 9/21/2026 | 9/21/2026 | 9/22/2026 | |
| BC 26.10 | 10/29/2026 | 10/29/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release | 10/21/2026 | 10/21/2026 | 10/26/2026 | 10/26/2026 | 10/27/2026 | |
| BC 26.11 | 11/19/2026 | 11/19/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release | 11/10/2026 | 11/10/2026 | 11/16/2026 | 11/16/2026 | 11/17/2026 | |
| 26.11 | 11/23/2026 | 11/22/2026 | | 9/25/2026 | 10/30/2026 | 11/4/2026 | 11/6/2026 | 11/18/2026 | |
| BC 26.12 | 12/17/2026 | 12/17/2026 | BenefitsCal Only Release | 12/9/2026 | 12/9/2026 | 12/14/2026 | 12/14/2026 | 12/15/2026 | |
| 27.01 | 1/25/2027 | 1/24/2027 | | 11/27/2026 | 1/1/2027 | 1/6/2027 | 1/8/2027 | 1/20/2027 | |

| Freeze Dates | |
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| SCR Freeze: | Deadline for all SCR code to be delivered for baseline release |
| Defect Freeze: | Deadline for all Production Defects to be delivered for baseline release and Soft Freeze Date on System Test Defects |
| Hard Defect Freeze: | Final deadline for Defects introduced by changes in the baseline release testing to be delivered |
| Build Approved: | Greenlight for baseline release |

Notes:
01/06/26 - Specified Release # 26.02 to 26.02.22 and change the background color to represent a Priority Release
02/02/26 - Reverted changes to 26.02.22 back to 26.02 since that is being treated as a baseline release

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| Release #/ Priority Release | Release Date | CalSAWS Production Deployment Date | COLA Multiple Day Processing | Notes |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| 26.03 | 3/23/2026 | 3/22/2026 | | |
| 26.05 | 5/18/2026 | 5/17/2026 | | |
| 26.05.xx | TBD | TBD | | LA County DCFS - Provide Data for COLA Run (CA-296585) |
| 26.06.xx | TBD | TBD | | ACL 26-XX FC, KG CNI Rate Increase for Year 2026-2027 COLA (CA-290340) |
| 26.06.xx | TBD | TBD | | ACL 26-XX AAP CNI Rate Increase for Year 2026-2027 COLA (CA-290322) |
| 26.06.xx | TBD | TBD | | ACL 26-XX AAP CNI Rate Increase for Year 2026-2027 - Batch EDBC COLA (CA-290337) |
| 26.06.xx | TBD | TBD | | ACL 26-XX FC, KG CNI Rate Increase for Year 2026-2027 COLA - Batch EDBC COLA (CA-290341) |
| 26.06.xx | TBD | TBD | | ACL 26-XX - Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Increase to the Minimum Basic Standards of Adequate Care (MBSAC) and Income In Kind (IIK) for 2026-2027 (CA-290476) |
| 26.06.xx | TBD | TBD | | Release FC/KG AAP COLA NOAs for 2026-2027 (CA-294160) |
| 26.07 | 7/20/2026 | 7/19/2026 | | |
| 26.09 | 9/21/2026 | 9/20/2026 | | |
| 26.09.xx | TBD | TBD | | 2026-2027 CalFresh COLA and Update CalWORKs (CW) IRT Levels for 2026-2027 (CA-290478) |
| 26.11 | 11/23/2026 | 11/22/2026 | | |
| 26.11.xx | TBD | TBD | | ACIN I-XX-25 2027 CAPI COLA (CA-290706) |
| 26.12.xx | TBD | TBD | | ACIN I-XX-26 2027 CAPI COLA - Batch EDBC (CA-290707) |

Footnotes:

Draft target COLA dates are based on historical implementation dates and timely policy receipt from State and Federal partners

Legend

Standard bi-monthly CalSAWS Release

Notes:

- 01/06/26 - Added CA-296585
- 02/02/26 - Updated dates and notes for CA-290452 and CA-290454
- 03/02/26 - Added CA-294160
- 05/04/26 - 05/04/26 - Added CA-290478

**2025-2027 CalSAWS County Validation Schedule
as of 05/04/2026**

| Release # | Release Date (Mon) | SCR Freeze (Fri) | County Validation Support Start | County Validation Execution Start | County Validation Execution End | County Validation Support End | Defect Freeze (Fri) | Hard Defect Freeze (Fri) | Build Approved (Wed) |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 25.11 | 11/24/2025 | 9/26/2025 | 10/6/2025 | *10/14/2025 | 10/27/2025 | 11/3/2025 | 10/31/2025 | 11/7/2025 | 11/19/2025 |
| 26.01 | 1/26/2026 | 11/28/2025 | 12/8/2025 | 12/15/2025 | *12/30/2025 | *1/7/2026 | 1/2/2026 | 1/9/2026 | 1/21/2026 |
| 26.03 | 3/23/2026 | 1/30/2026 | 2/9/2026 | *2/16/2026 | 3/2/2026 | 3/9/2026 | 2/27/2026 | 3/6/2026 | 3/18/2026 |
| 26.05 | 5/18/2026 | 3/27/2026 | 4/6/2026 | 4/13/2026 | 4/24/2026 | 5/1/2026 | 4/24/2026 | 5/1/2026 | 5/13/2026 |
| 26.07 | 7/20/2026 | 5/22/2026 | 6/1/2026 | 6/8/2026 | *6/22/2026 | 6/29/2026 | 6/26/2026 | 7/3/2026 | 7/15/2026 |
| 26.09 | 9/21/2026 | 7/24/2026 | 8/3/2026 | 8/10/2026 | 8/21/2026 | 8/28/2026 | 8/28/2026 | 9/4/2026 | 9/16/2026 |
| 26.11 | 11/23/2026 | 9/25/2026 | 10/5/2026 | *10/13/2026 | 10/26/2026 | 11/2/2026 | 10/30/2026 | 11/6/2026 | 11/18/2026 |
| 27.01 | 1/25/2027 | 11/27/2026 | 12/7/2026 | 12/14/2026 | *12/29/2026 | 1/6/2027 | 1/1/2027 | 1/8/2027 | 1/20/2027 |

*holiday weeks marked with asterisk

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| County Validation Support Start | Prep phase for County Validation to set up cases and prepare for Test Execution including SCR Review, Focus Groups, Comment Log, Scenario/script Creation & Submission of Participants to CCCV Workgroup |
| County Validation Execution (Start through End) | Test Execution phase for County Validation to execute scenarios. It is expected that all script execution occur during this time period. |
| County Validation Support End | Close out week for County Test to retest open defects to closure. |
| Hard Defect Freeze | Final deadline for Defects introduced by changes in the baseline release testing to be delivered. |
| Build Approved: | Greenlight for baseline release |

Updates: