

2026 - 2027 CalSAWS Deployment Schedule
as of 06/03/2026

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	
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		
26.06.xx	TBD	TBD		LA County DCFS - Provide Data for COLA Run (CA-296585)
26.06.xx	TBD	TBD		ACL 26-XX - Batch EDBC - Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Income In-Kind (IIK) for 2025-2026 (CA-290539)
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		
26.07.xx	TBD	TBD		ACL 26-XX AAP CNI Rate Increase for Year 2026-2027 - Batch EDBC COLA (CA-290337)
26.07.xx	TBD	TBD		ACL 26-XX AAP CNI Rate Increase for Year 2026-2027 COLA (CA-290322)
26.07.xx	TBD	TBD		ACL 26-XX FC, KG CNI Rate Increase for Year 2026-2027 COLA - Batch EDBC COLA (CA-290341)
26.07.xx	TBD	TBD		ACL 26-XX FC, KG CNI Rate Increase for Year 2026-2027 COLA (CA-290340)
26.08.xx	TBD	TBD		ACIN I-XX-26- FFY 2026-2027 CalFresh COLA; ACL 26-XX CW MAP; ACL 26-XX CW IRT - Run Batch EDBC (CA-290540)
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)
26.12.xx	TBD	TBD		ACIN I-XX-26- 2027 State Minimum Wage Run Batch EDBC (CA-290546)

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:

02/02/26 - Updated dates and notes for CA-290452 and CA-290454

03/02/26 - Added CA-294160

05/04/26 - Added CA-290478

06/03/26 - Updated CA-296585, CA-290340, CA-290337, CA-290322, and CA29-341 Minor Version; Added CA-290539, CA-290540, and CA-290456

**2025-2027 CalSAWS County Validation Schedule
as of 06/03/2026**

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
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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: