

FCED Bulletin

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Reminder: Foster Care Eligibility Determination (FCED), is an interface that will electronically transmit data between CWS-CARES and CalSAWS. Version 1 is scheduled to go live in October 2026.

What's Changing?

Current Process

CalSAWS users receive information from Child Welfare via PDF or printed forms and enter the case data into CalSAWS.

CalSAWS users manually scan paper documents received by Child Welfare and store them in CalSAWS Imaging (Hyland) system.

Data discrepancies are identified by chance and conversations between CalSAWS and CWS staff.



Future Process

FCED will transmit key case and placement data from CWS-CARES in near real-time. FCED will also transmit determination results information back to CWS-CARES.

CalSAWS users and Child Welfare staff can share documents, forms, and notices with each other from a shared repository, so scanning and storing documents in duplicate systems is not needed.

CalSAWS users can review data discrepancies between CalSAWS and data sent from CWS-CARES to ensure data accuracy.

What's NOT Changing?



Data Collection Pages: The data elements currently captured on the CalSAWS Foster Care pages will remain unchanged.



Eligibility Determination Benefit Calculation (EDBC): The information required to run EDBC will remain unchanged.



Content of Notices: Existing notices will remain unchanged, and no new notices will be added.



Learn more about the system!



Questions?
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