

Distribution Date	July 14, 2026
To	PPOC.All; Committee.CalWORKs_CalFresh.All;
CC	Consortium.RegionalManagers.All; Consortium.SectionDirectors;
CIT Name	ACL 26-39 COLA Increase for Minimum Basic Standards of Adequate Case (MBSAC) and Income-In-Kind (IIK) Lists

PPOCs, please forward to the appropriate impacted staff in your county:

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Description	Purpose The purpose of this CIT is to notify counties that the lists for SCR CA-290476 ACL 26-39 - Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Increase to the Minimum Basic Standards of Adequate Care (MBSAC) and Income In Kind (IIK) for 2026-2027 and SCR CA-290539 ACL 26-39 - Batch EDBC - Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Income In-Kind (IIK) for 2026-2027 have been posted. Background ACL 26-39 updated the CalWORKs Minimum Basic Standards of Adequate Care (MBSAC) and the Income In-Kind (IIK) levels effective July 1, 2026. The 2026-2027 Region 1 and Region 2 charts have been increased by 3.59%. Additional Information CA-290476 ACL 26-39 - Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Increase to the Minimum Basic Standards of Adequate Care (MBSAC) and Income In Kind (IIK) for 2026-2027 was implemented on June 12, 2026. The new MBSAC levels are used in determining applicant financial eligibility for those families that apply for CalWORKs/RCA on or after
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July 1, 2026. A list of cases with saved EDBC that have been denied due to failing the applicant financial eligibility test through MBSAC for benefit months of May, June, or July 2026, and whose income is potentially below the new MBSAC amount has been posted to the CalSAWS [REDACTED].

CA-290539 ACL 26-39 - Batch EDBC - Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Income In-Kind (IIC) for 2026-2027 completed on July 11, 2026. Batch EDBC was ran for July and August 2026 benefit months for CalWORKs and RCA programs with an active or ineligible program person with an income record type of 'Income In-Kind'. A journal entry has been added to cases processed by Batch EDBC and the lists have been posted to the CalSAWS Web Portal.

County Actions

Counties should review each list and follow County business process for any action, as appropriate.

The **CA-290476** list of cases with denied CW/RCA programs failed in May 2026, June 2026 or July 2026 due to failing the applicant financial eligibility test has been posted to the CalSAWS [REDACTED] under County Secured Documents for each individual county in the following location:

[REDACTED]

If a county has no impacted cases, no action is required and no document will be found in this location.

The generated list includes the Standard List Columns:

- Case Name
- Case Number
- County
- Unit
- Unit Name
- Office Name
- Worker ID

List	County Action
Denied Financial Elig Test Case List Note: Additional column to indicate the benefit month denied.	Workers must review the cases to determine whether the applicant is eligible to CW/RCA with the new MBSAC values. Follow your county process to rescind the CW/RCA program if applicable.

The **CA-290539** Batch EDBC case lists have been posted to the CalSAWS [REDACTED] under County Secured Documents for each individual county in the following location:

[REDACTED]

If a county has no impacted cases, no action is required and no document will be found in this location.

List	County Action
a) Cases with Program Closed by Batch. Note: Include additional column to indicate the program type and program closure reason.	Review these cases to verify the discontinuance was appropriate.
b) Cases with Person Closed by Batch. Note: Include additional column to indicate program type	Review these cases to verify the discontinuance was appropriate.
c) List of CW/RCA cases that resulted in a benefit reduction. Note: Include additional columns to indicate each benefit reduction type (Household/AU Size Change, Income Change, Proration Change, Over Payment Adjustment Change)	Review these cases to verify the benefit reduction was accurate. Follow your county process for next steps.
d) List of cases which resulted in a read-only EDBC. Note: Include additional columns to indicate program type and read-only reason	Review the Read-Only EDBC cases. Follow your county process for next steps.
e) List of cases skipped in the batch run. Note: Include additional column to indicate the skip reason and program type.	Review the list which includes the skipped issuance reason. Follow your county process for next steps to make necessary updates and run EDBC as appropriate.

	f) List of CW or RCA programs that have IIK income meet all the following criteria: i) An active or ineligible program person for the 07/2026 benefit month ii) That person has an income record of type 'Income In-Kind' iii) That income has a begin date prior to 07/01/2026 iv) That income has an end date on or after 07/01/2026, or no end-date v) That income Amount Provided field is set to 'Yes' vi) That income has a Reported Amount that matches the 2025 - 2026 IIK table lookup: 1) The household size is determined by the 'MAP Family Unit Size' from the latest saved EDBC, effective for the 07/2026 benefit. Note: Include additional column to indicate program type	Review these cases for accuracy. Follow your county process for next steps.
	g) COLA Stats by County Report	This report provides statistical information only for counties. No action is required.
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Primary Project Contact	Sarah Rich RichS@CalSAWS.org	
Backup Project Contact	CalWORKs/CalFresh Facilitators Committee.CalWORKs_CalFresh.Facilitator@CalSAWS.org	
Attachments	None	
Communication Portal Link	 OR You may also retrieve the CIT document and attachments by following these steps: 1. Hover over the Communications & Resources tab at the top of the page. 2. Click on the "CalSAWS Information Transmittal (CIT)" folder. 3. Click on the "2026" folder. 4. Click on the appropriate CIT # folder.	