

2026 - 2028 CalSAWS Deployment Schedule
as of 08/03/2026

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
26.07	7/20/2026	7/19/2026	CalSAWS + BC related changes	5/22/2026	6/26/2026	7/1/2026	7/3/2026	7/15/2026	CalSAWS Baseline
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	CalHEERS Release
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	BenefitsCal Only Release
26.09	9/21/2026	9/20/2026		7/24/2026	8/28/2026	9/2/2026	9/4/2026	9/16/2026	
26.11	11/23/2026	11/22/2026		9/25/2026	10/30/2026	11/4/2026	11/6/2026	11/18/2026	
27.01	1/25/2027	1/24/2027	CalSAWS + BC related changes	11/27/2026	1/1/2027	1/6/2027	1/8/2027	1/20/2027	
27.02	2/22/2027	2/21/2027	CH + CalSAWS related changes	11/6/2026	N/A	N/A	2/5/2027	2/17/2027	
27.03	3/22/2027	3/21/2027	CalSAWS + BC related changes	1/29/2027	2/26/2027	3/3/2027	3/5/2027	3/17/2027	
27.05	5/17/2027	5/16/2027	CalSAWS + BC related changes	3/26/2027	4/23/2027	4/28/2027	4/30/2027	5/12/2027	
27.06	6/14/2027	6/13/2027	CH + CalSAWS related changes	3/19/2027	N/A	N/A	5/28/2027	6/9/2027	
27.07	7/19/2027	7/18/2027	CalSAWS + BC related changes	5/21/2027	6/25/2027	6/30/2027	7/2/2027	7/14/2027	
27.09	9/20/2027	9/19/2027	CalSAWS, BenefitsCal, and CalHEERS related changes. CR Freeze date for CalHEERS is 6/25/2027	7/23/2027	8/27/2027	9/1/2027	9/3/2027	9/15/2027	
27.11	11/22/2027	11/21/2027	CalSAWS + BC related changes	9/24/2027	10/29/2027	11/3/2027	11/5/2027	11/17/2027	
28.01	1/23/2028	1/22/2028	CalSAWS + BC related changes	11/26/2027	12/30/2027	1/4/2028	1/6/2028	1/18/2028	

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:

06/24/2026 - Added 2027-2028 Deployment Schedule
07/13/2026 - Removed BenefitsCal releases from 26.08 - 26.12

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		
26.07	7/20/2026	7/19/2026		
26.07	TBD	TBD		Assign COLA Correspondence to Priority 8 (CA-271138)
26.07.xx	TBD	TBD		Release FC/KG AAP COLA NOAs for 2026-2027 (CA-294160)
26.08.22	TBD	TBD		ACL 26-45 AAP CNI Rate Increase for Year 2026-2027 - Batch EDBC COLA (CA-290337)
26.08.18	TBD	TBD		ACL 26-45 AAP CNI Rate Increase for Year 2026-2027 COLA (CA-290322)
26.08.22	TBD	TBD		ACL 26-44 FC, KG CNI Rate Increase for Year 2026-2027 COLA - Batch EDBC COLA (CA-290341)
26.08.18	TBD	TBD		ACL 26-44 FC, KG CNI Rate Increase for Year 2026-2027 COLA (CA-290340)
26.08.xx	TBD	TBD		LA County DCFS - Provide Data for COLA Run (CA-296585)
26.09	9/21/2026	9/20/2026		
26.09.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.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	TBD	TBD		Update Batch EDBC to support the MC person level RD (CA-301049)
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)
27.01.05	TBD	TBD		ACIN I-XX-26 CalFresh SSI COLA- 2027-Out-Bound File to MEDS (CA-290483)
27.01.07	TBD	TBD		ACIN I-XX-26 CalFresh SSI COLA- 2027 In-Bound File from MEDS (CA-290485)
27.01.09	TBD	TBD		Batch EDBC for 2027 CalFresh SSI COLA (CA-290486)
27.01	1/25/2027	1/24/2027		
27.03	3/22/2027	3/21/2027		
27.05	5/17/2027	5/16/2027		
27.05	TBD	TBD		Update batch EDBC to Discontinue Non-MAGI during Negative Action EDBC when recipient is on Non-MAGI Aid code elected by user (CA203362)
27.05	TBD	TBD		ACL 27-XX - Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Increase to the Minimum Basic Standards of Adequate Care (MBSAC) and Income In Kind (IIK) for 2027-2028- Placeholder (CA-301228)
27.05	TBD	TBD		Update batch EDBC to Discontinue Non-MAGI during Negative Action EDBC when recipient is on Non-MAGI Aid code elected by user (ca-203362)
27.07	7/19/2027	7/18/2027		
27.09	9/20/2027	9/19/2027		
27.09	TBD	TBD		ACIN I-XX-27- FFY 2027-2028 CalFresh COLA; ACL 27-XX CW MAP; ACL 27-XX CW IRT - Run Batch EDBC- Placeholder (CA-303061)
27.09	TBD	TBD		2027-2028 CalFresh COLA and Update CalWORKs (CW) IRT Levels for 2027-2028- Placeholder (CA-303055)
27.09	TBD	TBD		Batch EDBC: Expand reporting capabilities for tracking Batch EDBC trigger conditions (CA-246115)
27.11	11/22/2027	11/21/2027		
27.11	TBD	TBD		Turn on Batch job for EDBC Processing for Bounce Back Rule (CA-278767)
27.11	TBD	TBD		ACIN I-XX-27 CalFresh SSI COLA- 2028 In-Bound File from MEDS- Placeholder (CA-299545)

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:

06/24/26 - Added 2027 COLA SCRs, CA-271138, and CA-296585; Updated PRs for CA-290476 and CA-290539

07/13/2026 - Updated CA-294160 Minor Version

08/03/2026 - Updated CA-290322, CA-290340, CA-290341, CA-296585, CA-290478, CA-290486, CA-246115, and CA-290337 Minor Version; Added CA-303055 and CA-303061

**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
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	*1/7/2027	1/1/2027	1/8/2027	1/20/2027
27.03	3/22/2027	1/29/2027	2/8/2027	*2/16/2027	3/1/2027	3/8/2027	2/26/2027	3/5/2027	3/17/2027
27.05	5/17/2027	3/26/2027	4/5/2027	4/12/2027	4/23/2027	4/30/2027	4/23/2027	4/30/2027	5/12/2027
27.07	7/19/2027	5/21/2027	*6/1/2027	6/8/2027	6/21/2027	6/28/2027	6/25/2027	7/2/2027	7/14/2027
27.09	9/20/2027	7/23/2027	8/2/2027	8/9/2027	8/2/20027	8/27/2027	8/27/2027	9/3/2027	9/15/2027
27.11	11/22/2027	9/24/2027	10/4/2027	*10/12/2027	10/25/2027	11/1/2027	10/29/2027	11/5/2027	11/17/2027

*holiday weeks marked with asterisk

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SCR Freeze	Deadline for all SCR code to be delivered for baseline release
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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.
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