

Foster Care Eligibility Determination (FCED) Bulletin

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FCED Overview: What's In It For You?

Today, Counties often rely on paper forms and manual data entry to capture key demographic information like names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers. With the FCED implementation, that process becomes much simpler: data will be transferred **electronically** through Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), **reducing manual entry** and helping users work more **efficiently**. After reviewing the information, users can accept the data based on their County business process, **saving time** and **improving consistency**.

This bulletin explains what APIs, e-Data, and Transaction Data are, how they support FCED, and what county staff need to do when reviewing and accepting received information.

How This Works

- In CalSAWS, data is received and sent to CARES through various APIs.
- Each API contains certain information that needs to be updated in corresponding CalSAWS data collection pages.
- APIs include two types of data:
 - **E-Data** which is displayed on data collection pages and requires the worker to review and accept each data item
 - **Transaction Data** which is the full set of data for that transaction sent over from CARES
- For more information regarding APIs, please review [REDACTED]



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Transaction Data Overview

- For each transaction, the full set of data for that transaction that is sent over by CARES is called the Transaction Data. Importable data is called e-Data, and more information is provided in the next section.
- This is viewable on the corresponding Transaction Detail page, with the exception of Case Link.
 - For example, if placement information for a child is received via the Child Placement API, the Placement Transaction Data is available on the Child Placement Inbound Transaction Detail page.
- These pages are newly introduced into the system and will not be available until the system goes live in October.

E-Data Overview



- E-Data is an existing concept in CalSAWS using the import application data from e-Applications and MAGI.
 - For example, an e-Application from BenefitsCal may be received. Rather than having workers do manual data entry, that e-Application data is available to import in one click on the corresponding data collection pages.
- Similarly, e-Data has been implemented for FCED. E-Data refers only to the subset of the transaction data which is available to import on the corresponding data collection pages.
- When e-Data is received, an e-Data icon appears next to the person record on the Contact Summary page and other System List pages, including Contact, Individual Demographics, Vital Statistics, and most screens under FC/KG/AAP. This lets staff know that information is available for review.
- Received e-Data does not automatically update the data collection pages. Staff must first review and accept the information before it is added or updated. County policies and procedures should always be followed when reviewing and updating e-Data.



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