

Distribution Date	August 7, 2026
To	Regional Managers, County PPOCs; Committee.CalWORKs_CalFresh.All
CC	Consortium.RegionalManagers.All; Consortium.SectionDirectors;
CIT Name	CalSAWS: Upcoming Implementation of CDSS CalFresh ABAWD Auto Exemption

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

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☒ Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ CW ☒ CF ☐ MC ☐ CMSP ☐ FC/KG/AAP ☐ Child Care ☐ WtW ☐ Other Program(s) _____ ☐ BenefitsCal
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☐ Other _____ | ☐ Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Fiscal ☐ Caseload Movement ☐ Management ☒ Batch and Interfaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Fiscal ☐ GA/GR ☒ Help Desk ☐ Imaging ☐ Security ☐ Task Management ☐ Technical ☒ Training |
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Description	Purpose The purpose of this CIT is to provide information about the implementation of SCR CA-300398 <i>CDSS CalFresh ABAWD Auto Exemption</i>, which will start August 9, 2026. Additional CalSAWS functionality changes and enhancements related to CalFresh and ABAWD are planned throughout 2026 and into 2027. Further information and materials will be distributed through the CalSAWS Broadcast process or via CIT, as appropriate. Background On August 9, 2026, CalSAWS will be updated to apply CalFresh Work Registration and ABAWD exemptions for individuals listed in a new Exemption File provided by CDSS. The attached one-pager provides workers with details on what changes they can expect to see in CalSAWS regarding this update. County Actions 1. Please distribute the attached communications to your Operations and Eligibility staff.
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	2. Copy your Regional Manager(s) on any questions you might send to the Primary or Backup Project Contact.
Primary Project Contact	Norma Meza MezaN@CalSAWS.org
Backup Project Contact	CalWORKs/CalFresh Committee Facilitator Committee.CalWORKs_CalFresh.Facilitator@CalSAWS.org
Attachments	CIT 0138-26 CalSAWS_CF-ABAWD_26.08_CA-300398.pptx
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.