

Minutes for CalSAWS Committee meeting July 28, 2026 by Selia Johnson.

Cindy Coggins completed Roll Call for all the regions and Region 1 is responsible for the minutes for today's meeting.

FCED Updates:

Corey provided updates and we are in the middle of PROD Sim so counties should receive e-mails. Asked Counties how they are feeling about go-live for CARES.

- Newsletters are very helpful per San Diego County, and question was asked what is the timeline for more online training. There are teams working on more resources and are being focused on for counties.
- Placer County just got access to cases in PROD Sim, and they are testing a sample case but received an error message. Staff had limited time to review the cases.
- Cares training will begin in August for counties and counties should be able to dive deeper into the trainings/cases.
- Will the project allow more users access to PROD Sim, so it is being reviewed to add more users to PROD Sim. The probation cases are not in PROD SIM and this information has been reported to CARES and forwarded the information to FCED, not having any eligibility record in the system. What do counties suppose to do if the information is missing and how will these cases be handled on Go Live. This concern will be brought up at the next CARES meeting for resolution.
- LA is unable to test or review the rates for cases in CARES. It has been escalated to review to discuss mitigation plan for LA.
- The mitigation plan is that counties would go back to using paper until CARES is working properly for staff. Counties should go back to the CWS partners until a resolution has been completed.

SCR CA 294680 Add BRM envelopes to the KG 2, AAP 3, and CSF 186 Forms

The counties are responsible for sending out the AAP 3 to the adoptive parents. These forms should be returned to the county or the RO after they are sent out. Another CRFI will be sent out to the Committee. Counties should review the BRM list, and either opt out or opt in and update the address with one of the BRM addresses listed on the spreadsheet provided. The BRM is determined by what office the worker is located and that office is linked to the BRM address. Riverside and San Diego County has opted out of this process and could they opt in for future of return notices/forms. A specific meeting will be scheduled to further discuss this SCR.

SCR CA 294160 Release FC/KG AAP COLA NOAs for 2026-2027 –

FC/KG/AAP COLA 26/27 NOA batch date release is August 18, 2026. The CRFI 26-030 went out on 7/27/2026. Counties to complete the excel spreadsheet by the due date. List the date you want the NOAs released to the providers. Question was asked about SCR CA-293930 implementation to verify the NOA issues were updated from last year's COLA release. CalSAWS to look into the SCR. A list of cases will be created to print the correct NOA to the families. LA County requested a mockup NOA for counties to make sure they are correct. Closed cases will receive the NOA as well.

CA 296320 CRPC 2449 - AAP Proration and Effective Dating NOA - End dating payment for AAP proration for 18 to 21 years old. The state clarified the NA 791 is an action notice to cover several payment actions for the AAP Program. All OPs for AAP is the responsibility of the Adoptive Parent for repaying an OP on a case.

County Discussion-

Is there a mandate to have caregivers come in person to complete paperwork? Most counties obtain documents through the mail unless the caregivers want to come into the office.

The CalSAWS Project is working on 27.01 Release SCRs and if counties want to have an SCR released send an e-mail to verify if the SCR could be implemented sooner than later. SCR will need to be reviewed for CARES processes going forward.

SCR CA-244200 ACL 22-21 Add Innovative Model of Care (IMC) Rate type review and vote has been postponed at this time.

Action Items for July 2026 FC Committee Meeting:

1. Schedule separate meeting for SCR CA-294680 - **TBD**
2. Information about SCR CA-293930 and previous CNI NOAs issues
 - a. Some issues have been corrected – **Facilitator emailed response on 8/13/2026**
 - b. We are continuing to have internal discussion meetings to address the county concerns with the CNI NOAs. We have reviewed the issues stated in SCR CA-293930 and determined that we believe the issues can be resolved before next year's CNI.
3. CNI NOA Samples for LA- **Facilitator emailed document on 8/10/2026**
4. Clothing Allowance Calendar – **Facilitator emailed document on 8/13/2026**