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CIT Name	CalSAWS Job Aid- ABAWD; 26.07 and 26.09 Release Updates

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Description

Purpose

The purpose of this CIT is to provide counties with the updated Job Aid for Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) reflecting System changes implemented through SCRs CA-298215, CA-298982, and CA-299906.

Background

The following ABAWD-related SCR enhancements have been implemented within the 26.07 and 26.09 releases:

CA-298215 ABAWD Enhancement HR1 Workgroup - Update Work Registration

Exemption Determination for 'Cares for Dependent Child Under 6': 26.07 Release, updated EDBC logic so that the System determines the work registration exemption reason Cares for Dependent Child Under 6 when the participant has a dependent child under the age of six and the dependent child is identified as living In the Home.

CA-298982 ABAWD Enhancement HR1 Workgroup - Update ABAWD and Work

Registration Determinations: 26.09 Release, updated the Work Registration Detail page to include a new Status Reason Migrant/Seasonal Farmworker contracted to meet

hours and added a field on the School Attendance Status Detail page where the individual is attending less than half time to capture weekly hours for the individual that would count towards ABAWD compliance.

CA-299906 Additional journal entries for ABAWD related actions: 26.09 Release, updated the existing ABAWD Status Journal to capture all changes, including changes in exemptions, source, and transitions in countable months. Additionally, it created a new ABAWD Screening Journal to document all screening activities, including the screening outcome, completion date, and assigned exemptions.

Additional Information

The attached ABAWD Job Aid has been updated to include changes related to CA-298215, CA-298982, and CA-299906. These updates appear in the following sections:

- Updating Work Registration Records
- ABAWD Screening Page
- Batch
- CDSS Exemption File
- New Section: ABAWD Summary Page
- New Section: School Attendance Status Hours Detail Page
- Quick Reference Charts

Note: Additional ABAWD-related changes are planned for this year. The Job Aid will be updated accordingly as those changes are implemented.

County Actions

Please distribute this CIT and updated ABAWD Job Aid to any County staff who perform these functions.

If you have questions on this CIT, please reach out to the Primary or Backup Project Contact listed below and cc your Regional Manager(s).

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Attachments

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