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**Revision Date:**

June 1, 2021

**Background:**

State regulations require real and personal property be considered when it is available. An Assistance Unit (AU) may retain countable resources in accordance with the established limits.

**Purpose:**

The purpose is to provide set limits on property which the AU can retain and remain eligible for aid. The purpose of this section update is to incorporate a 2.11% increase to the maximum asset limit for an AU.

**Policy:**

**Property**

Property is considered available when the customer has a legal interest in a liquidated sum and has the legal ability to make that sum available for support and maintenance.

In general, real property generally include land and improvements, including immovable property attached to the land such as trees, fences, buildings, etc. It also includes mines, patented or unpatented oil, mineral or timber rights.

CalWORKs uses the CalFresh rules pertaining to personal property and resources to be excluded from consideration when evaluating property limits. However, effective June 1, 2020, the CalWORKs resource limits are not to be based on CalFresh program regulations.

**Property Resource Limit**

The maximum allowable nonexempt resource limits for all AU's are as follows.

From October 1, 2017 to May 31, 2020, allow:

- \$3,500 for an AU with a member who is 60 years old or older, or disabled  
(ACL No. 17-108)

From October 1, 2015 to May 31, 2020, allow:

- \$2,250 for all other AUs  
(ACIN No. I-74-15)

From June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, allow:

- \$15,000 for an AU with a member who is 60 years old or older, or disabled
- \$10,000 for all other AUs  
(ACL No. 19-67)

Effective January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the resource thresholds will increase by an amount equal to the increase in the California Necessities Index (CNI) for the most recent fiscal year. (ACL No. 19-67)

Effective July 1, 2021, allow:

- \$15,317 for an AU with a member who is 60 years old or older, or disabled
- \$10,211 for all other AUs  
(ACL No. 21-56)

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A subsequent increase to the maximum resource limit will become effective January 1, 2023, followed by an annual increase every January 1st thereafter, if there is an increase to the CNI. (ACL No. 21-56)

**Procedure:**

None.

**Impacts:**

Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program (TCVAP)  
Regulations relating to financial eligibility and payments apply to RCA/TCVAP unless specifically superseded by RCA/TCVAP regulations, which exempt specific income and resources from the income eligibility determination. These implementation instructions for the maximum resource limit increase also apply to RCA/TCVAP customers.

CalFresh Program

Refer to CalFresh Program Guide 63-201.2, 63-1101.1

Medi-Cal Program

Per Medi-Cal Program Guide Articles 05.01 and 05.02, persons who are receiving CalWORKs are automatically entitled to Medi-Cal benefits. Therefore, these regulation changes do not impact CalWORKs Linked Medi-Cal.

Forms Impacts

- M44-316C – No Change/Mid-Period Report of Property  
This Notice of Action (NOA) has been revised to reflect the property value limits from \$10,000 and \$15,000 to \$10,211 and \$15,317, and it is to be used for both Semi-Annual Reporting (SAR) and Annual Reporting/Child Only (AR/CO) cases. It informs customers that information reported about property during the reporting period has resulted in no change to their benefit amount.
- CW 2218 – Rights, Responsibilities and Other Important Information for the CalWORKs Program Non-Needy Caretaker Relative with Relative Foster Child  
The CW 2218 form has been revised to improve clarity and to eliminate the cited property value limits. The CW 2218 is used for outlining the rights and responsibilities of approved relative caregivers of children who are receiving Approved Relative Caregiver Funding Option (ARC) benefits.

**References:**

- Eligibility and Assistance Standards (EAS) 42-207.2
- All County Letters (ACL) No. 17-108, 19-67, 21-56
- All County Information Letter (ACIN) No. I-41-21

**Sunset Date:**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by June 30, 2024.

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