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CalWORKs Program Guide**

**Expanded Temporary Homeless Assistance**

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**Revision Date:**

April 1, 2023

**Background:**

Expanded Temporary Homeless Assistance (THA) benefits are available to CalWORKs applicants, who are domestic abuse victims and are fleeing their abusers.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this revision is to implement policies enacted by Senate Bill (SB) 1065 which allows for victims of domestic abuse to receive the second 16-day issuance of Expanded THA even if the CalWORKs application is approved during the first 16-day period. This section has been renumbered from CalWORKs Program Guide (CPG) section 44-200.I to 44-200.G.

**Policy:**

**Expanded THA Eligibility**

In order to qualify for Expanded THA, customers must meet the following criteria:

- The CalWORKs application must be pending when the first payment is issued. Once the CalWORKs case is dispositioned, customers are no longer eligible to receive the first issuance of Expanded THA
- The Assistance Unit (AU) must be apparently eligible to CalWORKs
- The customer must be a past, or present, domestic abuse victim who is fleeing their abuser and considered to be homeless. A victim of domestic abuse who attests to fleeing their abuser is considered homeless even if they have not yet spent a night homeless
- The abuser's income and property, if unavailable to the customer, are not to be evaluated when determining eligibility for Expanded THA benefits

**Verifications**

The customer providing a sworn statement on the CW 42 attesting to experiencing homelessness and domestic abuse and fleeing their abuser is sufficient verification for purposes of receiving Expanded THA. The AU is exempt from providing verification of their search for permanent housing when receiving Expanded THA.

**Payment Amount and Issuances**

Expanded THA daily payment amounts are the same as regular THA payment amounts (CPG 44-200.D). The customer may receive a total of 32 days of Expanded THA, in two 16-day lump sum payments. The payments can be issued as follows:

- First Payment: 16 consecutive day period, to be issued on the day the CW 42 is received and must be issued while the CalWORKs case is pending
- Second Payment:
  - 16 additional consecutive days immediately following the first 16-day period, if still homeless (can be issued if the CalWORKs application is still pending or has been approved, cannot be issued if the CalWORKs application is denied) or
  - The remaining 16-day issuance can be used for a different instance of homelessness for a future application as long as the applicant meets Expanded THA criteria at the time of request, this can occur months or even years after the first payment

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Expanded THA benefits are allowed in addition to regular Homeless Assistance (HA) and do not count against the once-a-year HA exception, including exceptions based on domestic abuse

The AU must be informed of the requirement to provide verification of the cost incurred for temporary shelter. If the customer does not provide verification that the money was spent on temporary shelter, the second payment will be issued as vendor payment. However, all health and safety concerns of these customers must be taken into consideration. All situations will be evaluated for good and a sworn statement will be allowed when verification is not available.

**Regular CalWORKs Regulations**

Once the CalWORKs case is approved, the customer becomes a recipient. Therefore, the regular CalWORKs HA regulations are to be applied rather than Expanded THA:

- HA Benefits – If still homeless, the customer is potentially eligible for THA (non-consecutive days), Permanent Homeless Assistance (PHA) benefits, and subsequent THA/PHA (within the 12-month period after receiving THA/PHA) based on a domestic abuse exception (if there is a new instance of homelessness)
- Vendor Payment – If the customer did not provide verification that the first Expanded THA was spent on temporary shelter, and the AU is now eligible to regular HA for the same incident of homelessness, the regular HA benefits will be issued as vendor payment
- Housing Search Log Requirement – Once CalWORKs (or immediate need) is approved, if the customer receives HA, a search for permanent housing verification is required. As the customer is fleeing domestic abuse, good cause must be evaluated if verification is not provided
- Additional Housing Support Services – The customer may be referred to additional housing support services, as well as domestic abuse counseling and services. Ensure the customer is connected to all other available resources in the community. Other services include Housing Support Program (HSP), Family Stabilization (FS), and homelessness prevention services

**Procedure:**

HT 277 Issuance of CalWORKs Expanded THA for AB 557

**Impacts:**

**Forms**

CW 42 (10/21) *Homeless Assistance Statement of Facts* - Revised to remove question “Do you have access to the income or assets listed in questions 5 or 6?” as the liquid asset limit for HA no longer applies.

**Notice of Action**

- M44-211B (10/21) *Expanded Temporary HA for Applicants Fleeing DV*
  - To be issued when approving requests for Expanded THA and should be issued at each 16-day issuance, even if the issuance is consecutive
  - Revised to add language that the customer may qualify for 16 nights of benefits if the CalWORKs application was pending or approved
- M44-211D (10/21) *Temporary Shelter and/or Permanent Housing*
  - To be issued when denying request for Expanded THA
  - Revised to remove denial reason “your cash aid application has been approved/denied so you are no longer eligible for expanded temporary homeless assistance...”

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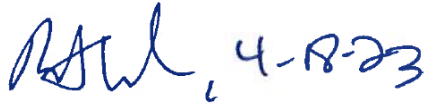
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**Sunset Date:**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by April 30, 2026.

**Approval for Release:**



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