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Effective Date:

02/01/2022

Background:

All Supplement Security Income (SSI) and State Supplementary Payment (SSP) recipients received a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) effective on January 1st.

Policy:

The amount of the SSI income received by a CalFresh household (HH) will be adjusted automatically in the CalFresh budget in CalWIN effective March 2022. SSP COLA adjustments will be automated in during an April run. The following three reports have been generated as a result of the SSI automated run:

Report	Description
COLA Exception Report	This report lists exception errors encountered on cases during the automated run process.
COLA Excluded Report	This report contains individuals who receive an amount that exceeds the maximum monthly limit for SSI.
COLA Online Correspondence Report	This report provides client correspondence generated during the automated run.

Actions Required:

The COLA Exception and the COLA Online Correspondence Reports will only be generated once and must be acted on upon receipt. The required actions to take on these reports are included below:

Report	Action Required
COLA Exception Report	Review the case, correct the exception error, and authorize.
COLA Online Correspondence Report	Review all correspondence that is held in the print queue, delete unnecessary correspondence, and before mailing required correspondence, complete manual variables.

The COLA excluded report will be generated monthly to assist in identifying cases with a Semi-Annual Report (SAR) or recertification due. This report will only continue to be generated until all excluded cases have been addressed. The required actions to take on this report are included below:

Report	Action Required
COLA Excluded Report	Staff will use the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) and the Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) to update the case record and exclude any lump sum(s) and SSI/SSP recoupments. If questionable or discrepant information is found contact the household to request additional verification.

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Excluded Income:

The following payments must be excluded from the CalFresh budget:

- Retroactive SSI/SSP payments received
- Recoupments from SSI/SSP

Please refer to 63-224 for additional information on excluded income.

Note: Overissuances must not be established unless the HH is found to be ineligible for CalFresh benefits or there is evidence of benefit trafficking. Refer to Memo 20-15 CalFresh Establishment of Overissuance Claims During COVID-19.

Program Impacts:

No impact

References:

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