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Introduction

Welcome

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has opened the improved Welfare Intercept System (WIS) for real time, read-only access to California authorized county users. This manual contains instructions on how to access the system, navigate through the screens, and what data is available in WIS.
I. User Authentications

A. Gen1321 Forms

1. If you are a first time user, your supervisor will need to request a copy of the GEN1321 from the Fraud Systems Administrator by email at fraudsystemaccess@dss.ca.gov.
2. Your Supervisor will complete Sections 1, 2, and 11 of the GEN 1321. Select the first box (the proposed permission and/or images for systems and/or applications) in section 8 and sign.
3. Your supervisor will submit the completed GEN1321 via fax at (916) 651-5009 or email at fraudsystemaccess@dss.ca.gov.
4. You or your supervisor will immediately mail the original completed and signed form to:
   Department of Social Services
   Fraud Detection Unit
   ATTN: Fraud System Administrator
   744 P St, MS 9-11-26
   Sacramento, CA 95814
5. As soon as the Fraud System Administrator receives and verifies the GEN1321, you will then receive an email notification, stating that access has been approved and an instruction on how to activate your new account. A user ID and temporary password will also be provided as shown below.

6. If you do not receive an email notification within three business days from the time the completed GEN 1321 has been submitted via email, contact the Fraud Systems Administrator via email at fraudsystemaccess@dss.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 653-1826.
B. Notification Email

This is a Sample of the notification email that you will receive from your email inbox. From this email notification, click on the link “here” next to the black arrow, as shown above, to be directed to the department’s IDENTITY portal to:

1) activate your account
2) set your password
3) select your PicturePass

NOTE: Do not delete this email, you will need to go back and copy the temporary password provided in this email in order to continue the process. If you experience any problems accessing the IDENTITY portal when you click on the “here” button above, contact the Fraud Systems Administrator, via email at fraudsystemaccess@dss.ca.gov.
II. User Login

A. WIS Login Page

Type in the username (username is your email address) and then click Login. Follow Steps 1 and 2.

For problems or troubleshooting needs, click on the Help button that will direct you to the WIS Administrator via an email. State the problem in the Subject Line of the email and provide a brief description in the body of the email and add your contact information. Response time is within 24 hours.

**NOTE: Help feature is available on all WIS screens.**
B. Verify Site Key and Enter Password Screen

Verify that your site key is the same MFIImage and MFPassPhrase you selected and then type your password as indicated in Steps 1 and 2, see image below.

**CAUTION:** As part of the WIS security control, please do not enter your password if you do not recognize your MFIImage/MFPassPhrase. Notify the WIS Administrator by clicking on the Help button below the screen.
III. Navigation

A. WIS Home Screen

This is the Navigation Bar on the Home Screen. It provides a way for you to search for a recipient in two different ways: first by SSN and second by Name.

This screen also provides county information and access to the most updated copy of the WIS User Manual as indicated in the image above.
B. Search by SSN

1. Home Screen

To search a recipient’s information by his/her SSN, simply click on the “SSN” link under the Search Node as indicated on the above image. Once you click the SSN link, you will be directed to the following “Search by SSN” screen as shown on the image above.
2. Enter SSN Screen

Enter the SSN associated with the recipient you would like to view. Follow Steps 1 and 2 as shown on the image above.
3. Results Screen

The Recipient Results Screen will show up, this gives an overview of all the recipients associated with the searched SSN. You will find the recipient’s County, Case ID and Delinquency Date from this screen. To view detailed information on individual recipients, click on the “Profile” link as indicated on the above screen with red dialogue box.
4. Profile Screen

After clicking on the Profile link you will be directed to this screen, “Profile Screen”. You will find detailed information related to the recipient, estimated dates, current balance for TOP or FTB and county information, as seen on the sample screen above.

From this screen you can also view the amounts and transaction screens, and the two new additional features: alias and address screens by clicking on the items on the bar above next to the blue arrow. This will lead you to the chosen screen.
5. List Transaction Screen

This screen will show up if you selected the transaction on the bar next to the red arrow. Below is a description of the codes found on this screen. To view the details of the transaction, click on Details next to the red arrow.

**County Transaction Code**
1 - Establish (original dollar amount submitted by county)
2 - Decrease (decrease dollar amount submitted by county)
3 - Delete (deletion of debt by county)
4 - Refund (refund of TOP dollar amount only by county)
7 - Increase (Increase of debt by county)
8 - Suspend (suspending a debt by the county (TOP debts only))
9 - Reactivate (reactivating a TOP debt by county(TOP debts only))
A - Alias (update of name changes by county)
B - Address update (address update by county)

**Transaction Agent Code**
TOP (offset dollar amount by TOP)
FTB (Interceptor of dollar amount by FTB)
TOP REV (TOP reversal dollar amount)
LOT (Intercept by State Lottery or Unclaimed Property)
REP (Report)
C19 (County Code – C19 refers to Los Angeles County)
6. Transaction Detail Screen

This Transaction Detail screen will show up after you clicked on the Details link from the previous page.
C. Search by NAME

1. Home Screen

On the Home Screen, click on the “Name” link under Search Node to find the recipient’s information based on his/her name.
2. Enter Name Screen

Enter the name associated with the recipient you would like to view. Follow Steps 1 through 4 as shown on the image above.
3. Results Screen

The Recipient’s Results Screen lists all recipients that match the given name as seen in the image above. To view detailed information on individual recipients, click on the “Profile” link as indicated on the above screen with red dialogue box.
After clicking on the profile, this is the screen that will show up. You will find all identifying information related to the recipient, estimated dates, current balance for TOP or FTB and county information, as seen on the sample screen above.

From this screen you can also view the amounts and transaction screens, and the two new additional features: alias and address screens by clicking on the items on the bar above next to the red arrow. This will lead you to the chosen screen.
After selecting Address on the bar next to the red arrow, the Address related to the recipient will show.
7. Additional Features to the New WIS: Amount Screen

This is an added feature that was not in the old WIS. This screen will show the original dollar amount of debt established when you clicked on the AMOUNT from the bar next to the red arrow.
This is an added feature that was not in the old WIS. This screen will show all the Aliases that the recipient used when you clicked on the ALIAS from the bar next to the red arrow.
9. Navigating Through WIS Results Screen

This feature is useful in cycling back to the previous pages. Just click on the item that you wish to go back to from the bar indicated above.
Need help? For problems or troubleshooting needs, click on the Help button that will direct you to the WIS Administrator via email. State the problem in the Subject Line of the email and provide a brief description in the body of the email and add your contact information. Response time is within one business day.
11. **Reset Password due to Locked Account**

Please note that 3 unsuccessful login attempts will lock your account and you will be redirected to the IDENTITY portal to complete the Unlock Account process. ([Refer to SAF Quick Start Guide using this link](#))

12. **Reset Password due to Expired Password**

Your password expires every 60 days. When attempting to login with an expired password, you will be redirected to the IDENTITY portal to change your password. ([Refer to SAF Quick Start Guide using this link](#))