

# California Youth Authority (CYA)/Welfare Institution Match (WIM)

California Youth Authority (CYA), now called the Welfare Institution Match (WIM), is a monthly match performed by California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that matches the juvenile inmates/wards file with the Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal Master Eligibility File (MMEF). The match also provides information on recipient minors that are incarcerated in a juvenile hall or other county juvenile facility or by the California Department of Corrections (CDCR), which absorbed CYA and its functions, for a period of at least 30 consecutive days.

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## History

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Since its inception in July 1996, CDSS implemented an automated statewide system that matches the CYA inmates/wards file with the MMEF. AB 2844 passed mid 1994 which required that whenever a minor is incarcerated in a juvenile hall or other county juvenile facility or by the CDCR for a period of at least 30 consecutive days, the facility or CDCR is required to inform the welfare department of the minor's name, date of birth, and social security number. The law requires that the county welfare department determine whether these minors are part of a family receiving CalWORKs (formerly known as AFDC) or CalFresh (formerly known as food stamps) benefits and, if so, to make reductions in the family's aid payments to reflect the period of time the minor received care in the facility.

## Data Sources

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The data comes from:

- California Department of Corrections (CDCR)
- Medi-Cal Master Extract File (MMEF) from Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

## Criteria

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The CYA/WIM match process matches the recipients' Social Security Number (SSN) is first to the MMEF against the Earned Income file at SSA. Records where the SSN does not match will than be matched on date of birth, sex, first 5 characters of the last name and the first 3 characters of the first name.

## **Tolerance Level**

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CYA/WIM does not provide tolerance levels for CalWORKs and CalFresh. Counties will receive CYA/WIM information for each case that has a match.

## **Frequency**

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The match is sent monthly.

## **Method**

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The CYA/WIM information is available to counties in Secure File Transfer (SFT) electronic format via the consortia.

The CYA/WIM match is also delivered via Golden State Overnight (GSO) courier service for the counties that are unable to access the match via the consortia. GSO signs off when packages are picked up from CDSS, and then the counties sign the bill of lading when the packages are handed over. An acknowledgement of receipt (AOR) is included in the package and is required to be faxed back to CDSS Fraud Bureau in order to confirm that the county has received the package. CDSS will follow up with the county if the AOR form is not received.

## **Age of Data**

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This information can be up to one month old upon receipt by the County.

## **Mandates**

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State Mandate: Chapter 1042, Statutes of 1994;  
WIC 857, 1764.5, 11450.10 And 11450.11 (Implemented 1996)

## **Notes**

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