

## Deceased Persons Match (DPM)

Deceased Persons Match (DPM) is a semi-annual match performed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that compares data from Medi-Cal Master Extract File (MMEF) to the Social Security Administration (SSA) Death Master File to ensure that CalWORKs (formerly known as AFDC) and CalFresh (formerly known as food stamps) benefits are not issued to individuals who are using the Social Security numbers of deceased persons. The match is conducted on a semi-annual basis in May and November of each year. The data is returned to CDSS and then sent to counties for resolution.

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### History

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The DPM has been available since its implementation in April 2001, with the first run processing eligible recipients from the Medi-Cal Master Extract File (MMEF) in May 2001. Legislation was passed November 12, 1998 (PL 105-379) requiring states to obtain information from and use the information to verify and otherwise ensure that CalWORKs and CalFresh benefits are not issued to individuals who are using deceased individuals Social Security numbers.

### Data Sources

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The data comes from:

- Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Medi-Cal Master Extract File (MMEF) from Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

### Criteria

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The DPM uses recipients Social Security Number (SSN) and matches it against the SSA's death master File.

### Tolerance Level

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DPM does not provide tolerance levels for CalWORKs and CalFresh. The counties will receive DPM information for each case that had a match.

## **Frequency**

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The match is sent semi-annually.

## **Method**

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The DPM match is delivered via Golden State Overnight (GSO) courier service. 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 is current upon receipt by the County.

## **Mandates**

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Federal Mandate: PL 105-379 (Implemented 2001)

## **Notes**

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