

Nationwide Prisoner Match (NPM)

The Nationwide Prisoner Match (NPM) is a monthly match performed by California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that matches records against the Social Security Administration's Prisoner Update Program System, which contains data from other states' jails and prisons. These facilities must include, but not be limited to, city, county and multi-jurisdictional jails, work and boot camps, residential halfway houses, detention centers, and mental health and medical facilities housing prisoners on behalf of correctional institutions.

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History

The Federal Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-33) signed August of 1997, required states to establish a system that will obtain nationwide prisoner information in order to verify and ensure that any individual detained in a federal, state or local penal, correctional or other detention facility for more than 30 days, does not retain status as an eligible member of any CalFresh (formerly known as Food Stamps) household. In 2000, the NPM was implemented statewide. As of 2007, SSA stopped including release data in the match. County staff used to compare incarceration and release dates against case data to determine if the person identified on the NPM abstract/report was on aid during the time in custody.

Data Sources

The data comes from:

- Medi-Cal Master Extract File (MMEF) from Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
- Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Penal Institutions
- County Social Service Agencies / Special Investigation Units

Criteria

The match is based on the Social Security Number (SSN) only.

Tolerance Level

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

Frequency

The match is sent monthly.

Method

NPM information is available to CalWin counties in Secure File Transport (SFT) electronic format via the consortia.

The NPM 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

This information can be up to 13 months old upon receipt by the County.

Mandates

Federal Mandate: PL 105-33 (Implemented 2000)

Notes
