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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 20-115

The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance to County Welfare Departments (CWDs) regarding the increased child support pass-through and disregard for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) families pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 79 (Chapter 11, Statutes of 2020).



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ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 20-115

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 79: INCREASES
TO THE CHILD SUPPORT PASS-THROUGH AND DISREGARD
IN THE CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND
RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKS) PROGRAM

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 79 \(CHAPTER 11, STATUTES OF 2020\)](#)
[SENATE BILL \(SB\) 380 \(CHAPTER 729, STATUTES OF 2017\);](#)
[TITLE 42, UNITED STATES CODE \(USC\) SECTION 657;](#)
[WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) SECTIONS](#)
[11008.14, 11265.3, 11265.47, AND 11450.17; FAMILY CODE](#)
[\(FAM\) SECTION 17504](#)

The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance to County Welfare Departments (CWDs) regarding implementation of the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 79 (Chapter 11, Statutes of 2020) pertaining to increases to the child support pass-through and disregard in the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. AB 79 increases the current child support pass-through and disregard from up to the first \$50 of the child support collected in a month to up to \$100 for a family with one child and up to \$200 for a family with two or more children living in the home. These payments are then disregarded when determining CalWORKs eligibility and/or grant amounts. The increased child support pass-throughs/disregards will become

effective January 1, 2022, or when the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) notify the Legislature that the Statewide Automated Welfare System and Child Support Enforcement (CSE) System can perform the necessary automation to implement the changes, whichever date is later.

DEFINITIONS

Child Support Pass-Through: The term “pass-through” refers to the assigned support collection (applied to either current support or arrearages) that the State elects to pay to the family rather than retain to reimburse assistance pursuant to [Title 42 of the United States Code \(USC\), Section 657](#).

According to Title 42, USC, Section 657(a)(6), the State may pass-through both the Federal and State share of assigned child support collections to families receiving assistance when the pass-through does not exceed \$100 for families with one child and \$200 for families with more than one child, as long as both the Federal and State share of the pass-through is paid to the family and disregarded when determining eligibility for and the amount of assistance.

Child Support Disregard: The term “disregard” refers to the amount of pass-through that is disregarded when determining eligibility for and the amount of assistance.

EXISTING RULES

Under current law, a combination of state, county, and federal funds received through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program allows each county in California to provide cash assistance through the CalWORKs program to qualified low-income families.

Under federal law, any rights to child support a recipient of CalWORKs has on behalf of their children or any individual they are receiving assistance for is assigned to the county in order to repay the aid that was paid to the recipient. Existing law requires that the first \$50 of any amount of child support collected in a month is passed through to the recipient of CalWORKs aid. Any remaining child support collected in the month is used to repay CalWORKs payments made on behalf of the family.

NEW RULES

Effective January 1, 2022, or when CDSS and DCSS notify the Legislature that the SAWS and CSE can perform the necessary automation, whichever is later, the amount of child support passed through to the CalWORKs recipient will increase from the first

\$50 collected to the first \$100 for a family with one child and the first \$200 for a family with two or more children. The amount passed through will also be disregarded when determining CalWORKs eligibility and/or grant amount.

Example One: A parent with one child applies for cash aid and the county opens a child support case. A monthly child support order for \$500 is established. Five hundred dollars is collected from the obligor (non-custodial party or NCP) the next month for child support. The first \$100 is passed through to the family, and this amount is also disregarded as income. The remaining \$400 will be used to repay aid paid through the CalWORKs program.

Example Two: A parent with four children applies for cash aid and the county opens a child support case. A monthly child support order for \$600 is established. Six-hundred dollars is collected from the NCP the following month. The first \$200 of child support collected is passed through to the family and this amount is also disregarded as income. The remaining \$400 will be used to repay aid paid through the CalWORKs program.

TREATMENT OF INCOME

Consistent with existing law, the increased child support pass-through will be disregarded as income when determining CalWORKs eligibility and grant amount.

Safety Net cases with a K1 or 3F aid code are exempt by law from assignment of child support rights and cooperation with Local Child Support Agencies (LCSAs). If a K1/3F family has a child support case opened on behalf of their children, currently all child support collected on behalf of the children in the AU is passed through to the family in its entirety. Currently, the first \$50 is disregarded from consideration as income when determining ongoing CalWORKs eligibility and grant amount. Any remaining child support above the allowable disregard amount is counted dollar-for-dollar against the AU's grant (MPP Section 44-113.5 [AR/CO]). Under AB 79, these families will be entitled to the higher amounts of disregards applied to the child support passed through to them.

NOTE: Families who receive direct child support payments from the NCP must report the child support as income when appropriate per their Semi-Annual or Annual Reporting/Child-Only AU reporting rules, and when these payments exceed their Income Reporting Threshold (IRT). Families who receive direct child support are also entitled to the disregards per MPP Section 44-111.472 (this regulation section will be updated to reflect the higher disregard amounts).

Example One: *An AU consists of a parent and two children. The parent has timed out and the case is assigned the K1 aid code. The case had already been referred to the LCSA because the parent was previously aided before they timed out and was cooperating with the child support rules.*

The LCSA established a child support order on behalf of the two children and the NCP was ordered to pay \$600 per month. The next month \$600 is collected and sent to the family. The county disregards the first \$200 because there are two children in the home. The remaining \$400 is treated as unearned income to the family.

Example Two: *A timed-out parent with three children applies for CalWORKs. The case is approved and assigned a K1 aid code. Since the family is not required to cooperate with child support enforcement rules and excluded from assignment of support rights by state law, the children are not referred to the LCSA and a child support case is not established.*

The parent contacts the LCSA and requests to have a child support case opened on behalf of their children. A case is opened and the LCSA establishes a child support order on behalf of the three children. The NCP is ordered to pay \$600 per month. The next month \$600 is collected and sent to the family. The county disregards the first \$200 because there are three children in the home. The remaining \$400 is treated as unearned income to the family.

DEFINITION OF FAMILY

The total number of children in the AU will be considered when determining the amount of pass-through the family is eligible for under AB 79. For example, a family with two children, one of whom is participating in the SB 380 Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option, would qualify for the \$200 disregard because that AU would always have more than one child in the AU, as an SB 380 child must reside with an eligible child.

Example One: *Child One is aided. Child Two is eligible under the SB 380 Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option to be excluded from the AU's MAP determination in order for the family to receive 100% of the child support collected for that child. Child Two is still considered to be an AU member, so they are included in the number of children in the AU or "family." Since there are two total children in the AU, the number of children used to determine the child support disregard under AB 79 would be two children. Therefore, the Custodial Party (CP) or caretaker relative receiving child support for Child One would receive up to a \$200 child support pass-through for each month child support*

was collected, and this amount would also be disregarded as income when determining eligibility or grant amount for the CalWORKs AU.

Example Two: *Child One is aided. Child Two is receiving SSI and therefore excluded from the AU, as well as from the determination of the amount of child support passed through to the family pursuant to AB 79. This family would be eligible for up to \$100 of any child support collected on behalf of Child One and a full pass-through of any child support collected on behalf of Child Two. Any income, including child support for an SSI child is for the needs and maintenance of that child and not counted against the AU's grant per MPP Section 44-133.53.*

In this example, the CSE would recognize two children in the household; the SAWS would therefore need to send an indicator to the CSE to communicate that the family is only eligible for a pass-through/disregard for a family with one child, or up to the first \$100 in child support collected, as there is only one child in the AU.

IMPACT OF INCREASES IN CHILD SUPPORT DISREGARDS ON SB 380 CHILD MAXIMUM AID PAYMENT (MAP)

Currently under the SB 380, Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option, CalWORKs applicants and recipients can exclude step/half-siblings for the purposes of calculating the AU's MAP if they meet certain criteria. If the monthly child support amount received on behalf of the step/half-sibling in the family is greater than the MAP for that child, the parent or caretaker can opt to receive 100 percent of the child support payments instead of the cash aid for that child.

When calculating the amount of child support needed to qualify under SB 380, the child support disregard is added to the child's portion of the MAP. That dollar amount total (child's portion of the AU's MAP + child support disregard) is referred to as the Child MAP. This is the dollar amount that is compared to the child support received each month on behalf of the child. If the child MAP is less than the child support received each month, the step/half-sibling would be eligible under SB 380 to be excluded from the AU's MAP determination. This would also allow the CP or caretaker to receive the full amount of child support each month in lieu of the CalWORKs grant for that child. Currently the child support disregard is \$50 per month. Below is an example of this calculation described above:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \$169 & \text{Base Child MAP} & \\ +\$ 50 & \text{Child Support Disregard} & \\ \hline = \$219 & \text{Child MAP} & \end{array}$$

To get the base child MAP you must first take the MAP for the family size with the step/half-sibling included and subtract the MAP for the family size without the step/half-sibling included. The difference is the base child MAP or the child's share of the AU's MAP.

In the above calculation, Child 1 must receive more than \$219 in monthly child support payments in order to be eligible under SB 380. If child support payments are less than \$219 per month then the child is not eligible under SB 380 and their caretaker or parent will not be able to receive the full child support payments on behalf of the child in lieu of the CalWORKs grant amount for that child.

The increases to the child support disregard pursuant to AB 79 may affect the eligibility status of children who currently qualify under SB 380. Below is the same calculation for Child One in the previous paragraph, but with the new child support disregard increase used in the calculation for a family with two children (to be eligible for SB 380, the step/half-sibling must live with another CalWORKs-eligible child, which means there will always be at least two children in the home):

$$\begin{array}{r} \$169 \text{ Base Child MAP} \\ +\$200 \text{ Child Support Disregard} \\ =\$369 \text{ Child MAP} \end{array}$$

In the calculation above, Child One must now receive more than \$369 in monthly child support payments in order to qualify for the SB 380 option.

As shown from the above examples, children who are currently eligible under SB 380 may no longer meet the eligibility requirements necessary for SB 380 once the child support disregards have increased under AB 79.

There are only certain times that a parent/caretaker or CWD can add the step/half-sibling back to the AU's MAP determination if child support is no longer greater than the CalWORKs cash aid amount for that child. These times are:

- (1) When the Semi-Annual Report (SAR 7) is due.
- (2) When the AU's Annual Redetermination is due.
- (3) When the parent or caretaker relative voluntarily reports mid-period that the child support payment or payments have decreased or ended, and the parent/caretaker relative requests the child's needs be reconsidered in determining the AU's MAP pursuant to WIC sections 11265.3 (for SARAUs) and 11265.47 (for Annual Reporting AUs).

After implementation of the increased disregards, if the child support received for the child is no longer more than the cash aid the family would receive for the child, the county must continue to exclude the child from the AU's MAP determination until the beginning of the next payment period unless the parent/caretaker requests the CWD add the child due to the "decreased" amount of child support to an amount less than the CalWORKs cash aid for that child.

If the parent/caretaker requests to have the child added to the AU's MAP, the CWD shall add the child within 10 days of the request, effective the first day of the month in which the request is made. In this instance, verification of the decreased income is not needed because it is a state law implementing the change of the disregard causing the "decrease."

CALFRESH PROGRAM

Child support payments received by a CalFresh household, including any CalWORKs disregards are counted as unearned income when determining CalFresh eligibility and benefit level (ACL 07-31 and 7 CFR 273.9(c)(19)(vi)). The only instances where child support is excluded for CalFresh is:

- when the child support cannot be reasonably anticipated (as defined by 7 CFR 273.10(c), and ACL 12-25), or
- when the child support payment must be transferred to the District Attorney's office or other county agency administering Title IV-D to maintain CalWORKs eligibility, whether or not the money is actually transferred (7 CFR 273.9(b)(5)(ii), MPP 63-502.122, and ACIN I-73-04)

Child support is counted differently in the CalFresh budget depending on type of household:

- **K1/3F Households:** Because K1/3F households do not have to transfer child support to remain eligible for CalWORKs, the full amount is countable for CalFresh.
- **Non-K1/3F Households:** Because non-K1/3F households must transfer all child support above the disregard to remain eligible for CW, only the disregard is countable for CalFresh.
- **SB 380 Households:** SB 380 households can opt to receive their full child support amount instead of receiving CalWORKs aid. In this case, the full child support amount is countable for CalFresh.

If countable, the child support and/or disregard amount should be treated like any other income and will be counted if, at the time of application or period report, the client knows the exact amount and when the amount will be received. If the amount of income, or when the income will be received, is uncertain, that portion of the

household's income that is uncertain shall not be counted by the CWD (7 CFR 273.10(c)). Ongoing CalFresh households must report if their increased household income exceeds the households' income reporting threshold (IRT) within 10 days of the date of the change.

MEDI-CAL

Child support payments received on behalf of a child are currently not counted as income when determining eligibility for Medi-Cal. Therefore, the new child support pass-through amounts implemented through AB 79 should not affect eligibility for Medi-Cal.

INFORMING APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS

AB 79 potentially changes circumstances for recipients of CDSS programs. These changes may include increased child support pass-throughs and disregards, a decrease in the amount of counted income in the CalWORKs budget, increase in the amount of income in the CalFresh budget and potential loss of eligibility for step/half-siblings in the CalWORKs AU to participate in the (SB 380) Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option due to the increase in the Child MAP based on the disregard amounts used in the methodology.

Due to these potential impacts to applicant and recipients, the counties are required to notify applicants and recipients using the attached TEMP CW 2225. The SAWS must ensure the TEMP CW 2225 is sent to all CalWORKs AUs at least 90 days prior to implementation of the disregard changes. CWDs must also provide new applicants with the TEMP CW 2225 at application beginning no later than 30 days prior to implementation.

AUTOMATION

Under AB 79, CWDs will need to track two different pass-through/disregard amounts depending on the number of children in the CalWORKs AU. Because the pass-through/disregard amount will depend on the number of children included in the CalWORKs AU, an indicator will need to be programmed in the SAWS/CSE interface to allow CWDs to transmit the number of children in the CalWORKs AU to DCSS. The indicator is required for DCSS to process the number of children in the AU to issue the appropriate disregard amount. The SAWS and DCSS will collaborate efforts and share design information so that DCSS can program the CSE to accept the indicator. The SAWS will not need to implement a manual business process for their CWDs. The increased pass-through/disregard amounts will not be implemented until they are fully automated in the SAWS and CSE.

FORMS AND NOTICES

TEMP CW 2225 (10/20) – Required Form – No Substitutes Permitted – Changes to the Child Support Disregard

The TEMP CW 2225 (10/20) was created to inform applicants and recipients of the changes to the child support disregards resulting from AB 79 and the potential impact of the change. This is a “Required – No Substitutes Permitted” form and must be sent to recipients and given to applicants following the instructions in this letter.

CW 2215 (10/20) – Required Form – No Substitutes Permitted – CalWORKs Important Information for Safety Net and Certain Child-Only Cases

The CW 2215 (10/20) was revised including a title change to make the content more current because the statute change excluding the targeted population from the CalWORKs child support rules has been implemented for over five years. It has also been revised to update the new disregard amounts and change the CalWORKs time limits from 48 to 60 months.

This is a “Required – No Substitutes Permitted” form. CWDs are required to give this form to applicants when their application is approved and the case is assigned as a K1 or 3F aid code. Recipient families who are moved into the K1 or 3F aid code must receive the CW 2215 at the time of transition to the new aid code.

FORMS INFORMATION

Required Form - No Substitute Permitted

Forms in this category are required forms that the CWD may not modify or restructure. However, overprinting or reformatting under the conditions outlined in Operations Manual Section 23.400.211, Overprinting Required Forms and Section 23-400.212, Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Modifications, is permitted.

TRANSLATIONS:

You may obtain forms from the CDSS webpage at:
<https://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/forms-brochures> .

For questions on translated materials, please contact the CDSS Language Services at (916) 651-8876. CWDs are required to provide CDSS translation to applicants and recipients in their primary languages when they are or become available. Until translations are available, recipients who have elected to receive materials in languages other than English must be sent the English version of the form or notice along with the

GEN 1365 - Notice of Language Services and a local contact number.
<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/forms/Multi/GEN1365MUL.pdf>

The CWDs shall ensure that effective bilingual services are provided. When the percentage of non-English cases in a program and/or office location is less than five percent, this requirement may be met through utilization of paid interpreters, qualified bilingual employees, and qualified employees of other agencies or community resources. When the percentage of non-English cases in a program and/or office location is equal to or more than five percent, the CWD must assign a sufficient number of qualified bilingual employees to public contact positions in that program or location, as calculated pursuant to MPP Section 21-115.1. Language services shall be provided free of charge to the applicant/recipient.

More information regarding languages services, which includes both interpretation and translations, can be found in MPP Section 21-115.

If you have any questions regarding this ACL, contact your CalWORKs County consultant or the Early Engagement and Eligibility Bureau main line at (916) 654-1322.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKS) IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SAFETY NET AND CERTAIN CHILD-ONLY CASES

The Child Support rules have changed for your family. You are getting CalWORKs cash aid only for your child(ren). Here are the changes that apply to you:

- Your child support rights will not be assigned to the county, however there are benefits for you and your child(ren) by having a child support case with the Local Child Support Agency (LCSA);
- Your grant amount will not be changed if you do not want LCSA's child support services, including finding the non-custodial parent of your child(ren) or establishing parentage for your child(ren);
 - You should be aware that finding the non-custodial parent and establishing of parentage will help you in the future in collecting child support if you need it; and
 - In the future, if you become eligible for cash aid in your child(ren)'s case, different child support rules may apply.
- You will get to keep all of the child support money the non-custodial parent gives you or that the LCSA collects for you. You don't have to turn it over to the county;
- People get child support in different ways. Some have it collected by the county then have the LCSA send it to them and some get it directly from the NCP.
 - If you already have an open child support case with the LCSA, you do not have to do anything to keep getting your child support collected for you.
 - However you get your child support, keep track of the amount of child support you get and the date you got it. You will need it to report the child support money you get to the county if the income reporting rules for your case require you to;
- If you do not have an open child support case with the LCSA, you will have to apply for child support services at the LCSA to have parentage established for your child if needed, and to have your child support collected and sent to you. The county can help you do this;
- Child support collected by the LCSA and sent to you will no longer repay aid paid to your family so the adult's 60-month CalWORKs time clock will no longer "untick" months of aid;
- If you get child support income, for your child(ren) on CalWORKs, we do not count the first \$100 each month if you have one child in the assistance unit (AU) or \$200 each month if you have more than one child in the AU. The rest may count against your CalWORKs grant;
- If you also get CalFresh, any child support income you get may be used to figure the amount of your CalFresh benefits.

If you have any questions, please call the county right away.

CHANGES TO THE CALWORKS CHILD SUPPORT DISREGARD/PASS-THROUGH RULES

The CalWORKs Child Support disregard/pass-through rules have changed.

Old Rule:

If you are getting CalWORKs for your child and also get child support for them, in most cases you get up to \$50 of the child support collected passed through to you from your county's Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) and that amount is disregarded or not counted when your CalWORKs eligibility and grant amount is figured. For some child-only cases, all of the child support is passed through to the family, and up to \$50 is disregarded before the rest is counted as income.

CalWORKs families who get their child support directly from the Non-custodial Parent (NCP), get the same disregard before the rest is usually counted as income.

New Rules:

Beginning January 1, 2022, or when these changes can be programmed into the county computer systems, whichever is later, the new child support amount that will be passed through (sent to you) and disregarded will increase to up to \$100 for a family with one child in the assistance unit (AU) and up to \$200 for a family with two or more children in the AU. The other rules about child support disregards will not change.

Changes to the Child Support Instead Of Cash Grant Option (SB 380) Eligibility:

If you have a step or half-sibling child who is not included in your CalWORKs cash grant because they get child support, that option may change. The increased disregard amounts will increase the amount of child support your child must get each month to be eligible to be excluded from your AU's cash grant.

You will get a Notice of Action telling you if your step or half-sibling child will no longer be eligible to participate in the Child Support Instead Of Cash Grant Option and when they will be added back to your AU's cash grant. This change cannot happen mid-period unless you request it. If your child is no longer eligible to be excluded from your AU's cash grant amount and you want them added back sooner, you must tell your county.

Contact your CalWORKs Eligibility Worker if you have questions about the changes to your CalWORKs case, disregard rules or adding a child back to your AU's cash grant. Contact your Child Support Worker if you have questions about your child support. You can contact your local child support agency at 1-866-901-3212.

CalFresh Changes:

Changes to your cash aid may change your CalFresh benefits. **You will get a separate notice if your CalFresh benefits change.**

SB 380 Child Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) Chart Effective January 1, 2022

Single Child Participating in the SB 380 Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option

Assistance Unit (AU) Size	Region 1 Exempt	Region 1 Non-Exempt	Region 2 Exempt	Region 2 Non-Exempt
2 (For a child in this AU size to participate, the adult(s) cannot be aided. The remaining AU member must be a CalWORKs eligible Step or half-sibling.)	\$172 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$372 Child MAP	\$146 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$346 Child MAP	\$163 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$363 Child MAP	\$141 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$341 Child MAP
3	\$205 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$405 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$382 Child MAP	\$195 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$395 Child MAP	\$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$373 Child MAP
4	\$198 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$398 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$382 Child MAP	\$188 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$388 Child MAP	\$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$373 Child MAP
5	\$204 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$404 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$382 Child MAP	\$194 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$394 Child MAP	\$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$373 Child MAP
6	\$204 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$404 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$382 Child MAP	\$194 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$394 Child MAP	\$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$373 Child MAP
7	\$203 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$403 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u>	\$192 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$392 Child MAP	\$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$373 Child MAP

Assistance Unit (AU) Size	Region 1 Exempt	Region 1 Non-Exempt	Region 2 Exempt	Region 2 Non-Exempt
		= \$382 Child MAP		
8	\$206 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$406 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$382 Child MAP	\$196 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$396 Child MAP	\$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$373 Child MAP
9	\$201 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$401 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$382 Child MAP	\$191 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$391 Child MAP	\$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$373 Child MAP
10	\$207 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$407 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$382 Child MAP	\$197 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$397 Child MAP	\$172 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> = \$372 Child MAP

CWDs shall use the figures noted as “child MAP” to determine if the amount of child support is greater than the amount the child would receive for CalWORKs (Please note for simplicity CDSS made the decision that income would not be a factor and a straight MAP would be used).

If the amount of child support received is greater than the “child MAP” for the child’s AU size with the child included, region and AU type, the child is able to participate in the SB 380 Child Support In Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option if all other conditions are met.

Example 1, child resides in region 1. There are three children in the AU with the child included. It is a non-exempt AU so the base child MAP for the child is \$205, adding the \$200 child support “pass through” or “disregard”, the total child MAP is \$405. The child receives \$500 in child support. Therefore, the child can participate if they meet the other required conditions because they receive more than \$405 in child support.

Example 2, same scenario as above except the child receives only \$300 in child support. The child cannot participate because the child support is less than the \$405 child MAP.

SB 380 Child Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) Chart Effective January 1, 2022

Multiple Children Participating in the SB 380 Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option

Multi-child opt-in to SB 380 is not available for an AU size of two. At least one CalWORKs aided child must be in the AU

Assistance Unit (AU) Size	Region 1 Exempt	Region 1 Non-Exempt	Region 2 Exempt	Region 2 Non-Exempt
<p align="center">3</p> <p>(For a child in this AU size to participate, the adult(s) cannot be aided. The remaining AU member must be a CalWORKs eligible step or half-sibling.)</p>	<p>Child 1: \$205 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$405 Child MAP.</p> <p>Child 2 \$172 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1: \$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$382 Child MAP.</p> <p>Child 2 \$146 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1 : \$195 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$395 Child MAP.</p> <p>Child 2 \$163 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1: \$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$373 Child MAP.</p> <p>Child 2 \$141 Child MAP</p>
<p align="center">4</p> <p>(If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of two children can opt into SB 380. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU)</p>	<p>Child 1: \$198 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$398 Child MAP.</p> <p>Child 2 \$205 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 3 \$172 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1: \$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =382 Child MAP.</p> <p>Child 2 \$182 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 3 \$146 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1 : \$188 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$388 Child MAP.</p> <p>Child 2 \$195 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 3 \$163 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1 : \$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$373 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 2 \$173 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 3 \$141 Child MAP</p>
<p align="center">5</p> <p>(If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of three children can opt into SB 380. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU)</p>	<p>Child 1 : \$204 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$404 Child MAP.</p> <p>Child 2 \$198 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 3 \$205 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 4 \$172 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1: \$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$382 Child MAP.</p> <p>Child 2 \$182 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 3 \$182 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 4 \$146 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1: \$194 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard \$394 Child MAP.</p> <p>Child 2 \$188 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 3 \$195 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 4 \$163 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1: \$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$373 Child MAP.</p> <p>Child 2 \$173 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 3 \$173 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 4 \$141 Child MAP</p>
6	<p>Child 1: \$204 Base Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1: \$182 Base Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1 : \$194 Base Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1: \$173 Base Child MAP</p>

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(If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of four children can opt into SB 380. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU)	<u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$404 Child MAP. Child 2 \$204 Child MAP Child 3 \$198 Child MAP Child 4 \$205 Child MAP Child 5 \$172 Child MAP	<u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$382 Child MAP. Child 2 \$182 Child MAP Child 3 \$182 Child MAP Child 4 \$182 Child MAP Child 5 \$146 Child MAP	<u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$394 Child MAP. Child 2 \$194 Child MAP Child 3 \$188 Child MAP Child 4 \$195 Child MAP Child 5 \$163 Child MAP	<u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$373 Child MAP. Child 2 \$173 Child MAP Child 3 \$173 Child MAP Child 4 \$173 Child MAP Child 5 \$141 Child MAP
7 (If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of five children can opt into SB 380. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU)	Child 1: \$203 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> \$403 Child MAP. Child 2 \$204 Child MAP Child 3 \$204 Child MAP Child 4 \$198 Child MAP Child 5 \$205 Child MAP Child 6 \$172 Child MAP	Child 1: \$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$382 Child MAP. Child 2 \$182 Child MAP Child 3 \$182 Child MAP Child 4 \$182 Child MAP Child 5 \$182 Child MAP Child 6 \$146 Child MAP	Child 1: \$192 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> \$392 Child MAP. Child 2 \$194 Child MAP Child 3 \$194 Child MAP Child 4 \$188 Child MAP Child 5 \$195 Child MAP Child 6 \$163 Child MAP	Child 1: \$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> \$373 Child MAP. Child 2 \$173 Child MAP Child 3 \$173 Child MAP Child 4 \$173 Child MAP Child 5 \$173 Child MAP Child 6 \$141 Child MAP
8 (If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of six children can opt into SB 380. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU)	Child 1: \$206 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$406 Child MAP. Child 2 \$203 Child MAP Child 3 \$204 Child MAP	Child 1: \$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$382 Child MAP. Child 2 \$182 Child MAP Child 3 \$182 Child MAP	Child 1: \$196 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$396 Child MAP. Child 2 \$192 Child MAP Child 3 \$194 Child MAP	Child 1: \$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$373 Child MAP. Child 2 \$173 Child MAP Child 3 \$173 Child MAP

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	Child 4 \$204 Child MAP Child 5 \$198 Child MAP Child 6 \$205 Child MAP Child 7 \$172 Child MAP	Child 4 \$182 Child MAP Child 5 \$182 Child MAP Child 6 \$182 Child MAP Child 7 \$146 Child MAP	Child 4 \$194 Child MAP Child 5 \$188 Child MAP Child 6 \$195 Child MAP Child 7 \$163 Child MAP	Child 4 \$173 Child MAP Child 5 \$173 Child MAP Child 6 \$173 Child MAP Child 7 \$141 Child MAP
9 (If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of seven children can opt into SB 380. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU)	Child 1 : \$201 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$401 Child MAP. Child 2 \$206 Child MAP Child 3 \$203 Child MAP Child 4 \$204 Child MAP Child 5 \$204 Child MAP Child 6 \$198 Child MAP Child 7 \$205 Child MAP Child 8 \$172 Child MAP	Child 1 : \$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$382 Child MAP. Child 2 \$182 Child MAP Child 3 \$182 Child MAP Child 4 \$182 Child MAP Child 5 \$182 Child MAP Child 6 \$182 Child MAP Child 7 \$182 Child MAP Child 8 \$146 Child MAP	Child 1: \$191 Base Child MAP <u>=+200</u> CS Disregard =\$391 Child MAP. Child 2 \$196 Child MAP Child 3 \$192 Child MAP Child 4 \$194 Child MAP Child 5 \$194 Child MAP Child 6 \$188 Child MAP Child 7 \$195 Child MAP Child 8 \$163 Child MAP	Child 1: \$173 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$373 Child MAP. Child 2 \$173 Child MAP Child 3 \$173 Child MAP Child 4 \$173 Child MAP Child 5 \$173 Child MAP Child 6 \$173 Child MAP Child 7 \$173 Child MAP Child 8 \$141 Child MAP
10 (If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of eight children can opt into SB 380. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU)	Child 1: \$207 Base Child MAP <u>\$200</u> CS Disregard =\$407 Child MAP. Child 2 \$201 Child MAP	Child 1: \$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$382 Child MAP. Child 2 \$182 Child MAP	Child 1: \$197 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$397 Child MAP. Child 2 \$191 Child MAP	Child 1: \$172 Base Child MAP <u>+200</u> CS Disregard =\$372 Child MAP. Child 2 \$173 Child MAP

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	Child 3 \$206 Child MAP	Child 3 \$182 Child MAP	Child 3 \$196 Child MAP	Child 3 \$173 Child MAP
	Child 4 \$203 Child MAP	Child 4 \$182 Child MAP	Child 4 \$192 Child MAP	Child 4 \$173 Child MAP
	Child 5 \$204 Child MAP	Child 5 \$182 Child MAP	Child 5 \$194 Child MAP	Child 5 \$173 Child MAP
	Child 6 \$204 Child MAP	Child 6 \$182 Child MAP	Child 6 \$194 Child MAP	Child 6 \$173 Child MAP
	Child 7 \$198 Child MAP	Child 7 \$182 Child MAP	Child 7 \$188 Child MAP	Child 7 \$173 Child MAP
	Child 8 \$205 Child MAP	Child 8 \$182 Child MAP	Child 8 \$195 Child MAP	Child 8 \$173 Child MAP
	Child 9 \$172 Child MAP	Child 9 \$146 Child MAP	Child 9 \$163 Child MAP	Child 9 \$141 Child MAP

Counties shall use the figures noted as “Child MAP” to determine if the amount of child support is greater than the amount the child would receive for CalWORKs when the parent/caretaker relative has requested to have more than one child participate in SB 380 (Please note for simplicity the California Department of Social Services made the decision that income would not be a factor and a straight MAP would be used).

If the amount of child support received is greater than the “Child MAP” for the child’s AU size with the child included, region and AU type, the child may participate in the SB 380 Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Grant Option if all other conditions are met.

Counties and the parent/caretaker relative may use the child support received by each child to determine who to assign as child 1, child 2 etc., when the children are opting into SB 380 at the same time based on the amount of child support it takes to meet the eligibility threshold for the child in the AU size/type/region and assignment of child order (child 1, child 2 etc.).