

December 30, 2021

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 20-115E**

The purpose of this erratum to All County Letter No. 20-115 is to issue to the County Welfare Departments revised Child MAP charts which reflect both the Assembly Bill 135 (Chapter 85, Statutes of 2021) CalWORKs MAP Increase and the increase in Child Support Disregards pursuant to Assembly Bill 79 (Chapter 11, Statutes of 2020) and to give further guidance on income disregard increases relating to Spousal Support.



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**ERRATUM**

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 20-115E

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

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS  
(CALWORKS): UPDATED CHILD MAXIMUM AID PAYMENT  
(MAP) CHARTS TO REFLECT BOTH THE OCTOBER 2021 MAP  
INCREASE AND THE CHILD SUPPORT DISREGARD CHANGES.

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 135 \(CHAPTER 85, STATUTES of 2021\)](#);  
[ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 79 \(CHAPTER 11, STATUTES OF 2020\)](#);  
MANUAL OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES ([MPP](#)) [82-807.53](#); ALL  
COUNTY LETTER ([ACL](#)) [21-87](#) AND [ACL 20-115](#)

The purpose of this erratum is to issue updated Child Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) charts which reflect both the increase in CalWORKs MAP pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 135 (Chapter 85, Statutes of 2020) and increased disregards for child support pursuant to AB 79 (Chapter 11, Statutes of 2020) to the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) and to give further guidance on income disregard increases relating to Spousal Support.

**REVISED CHILD MAP CHARTS**

The Child MAP Charts are to be used to determine eligibility for Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Cash Grant Option policy. All County Letter (ACL) 20-115 released Child MAP Charts that reflected the increase from \$50 to up to \$200 in child support disregard for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) effective January 1, 2022. ACL 21-87 released revised Child MAP Charts that reflected the 5.3%

MAP increase pursuant to AB 135 (Chapter 85, Statutes of 2020) effective October 1, 2021. The Child MAP Charts included with this erratum reflect both the 5.3% MAP Increase and the increased child support disregard and are intended to reflect Child MAP Charts effective January 1, 2022. The Child MAP Charts included with this erratum should be used to determine eligibility for Child Support in Lieu of CalWORKs Cash Grant policy beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

### **CHILD AND SPOUSAL SUPPORT DISREGARD CLARIFICATION**

The AB 79 Increase in Child Support Disregards, effective January 1, 2022 increases the current child support pass-through and disregard from up to the first \$50 of child support collected in a month to up to \$100 for a family with one child. Spousal support can be counted against any remainder of the \$100 child support disregard that has not been used by a family with one child for child support for any given month. The \$100 increase in disregard is the maximum allowable amount for both **combined** child and spousal support for a family with one child in any given month. Likewise, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 the child support pass-through and disregard will increase from up to the first \$50 of child support collected in a month up to \$200 for a family with two or more children. For a family with two or more children, spousal support can be counted against any remainder of the \$200 child support disregard amount not used for child support. For families with two or more children, \$200 is the maximum allowable amount for any combined amount of both child and spousal support disregards.

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Early Engagement and Eligibility Bureau at [CWEligibilityPolicy@dss.ca.gov](mailto:CWEligibilityPolicy@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By***  
KRISTINA MEZA, Branch Chief  
CalWORKs and Family Resilience Branch  
Family Engagement and Empowerment Division

Attachments

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

### Single Child Participating in Child Support in Lieu of Cash 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.	\$181 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$381 Child MAP	\$154 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$354 Child MAP	\$171 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$371 Child MAP	\$148 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$348 Child MAP
3	\$216 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$416 Child MAP	\$192 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$392 Child MAP	\$206 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$406 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$382 Child MAP
4	\$209 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$409 Child MAP	\$191 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$391 Child MAP	\$197 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$397 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$382 Child MAP
5	\$214 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$414 Child MAP	\$192 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$392 Child MAP	\$205 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$405 Child MAP	\$183 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$383 Child MAP
6	\$215 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$415 Child MAP	\$191 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$391 Child MAP	\$204 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$404 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$382 Child MAP

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8	\$217 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$417 Child MAP	\$192 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$392 Child MAP	\$207 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$407 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$382 Child MAP
9	\$212 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$412 Child MAP	\$191 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$391 Child MAP	\$201 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$401 Child MAP	\$182 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$382 Child MAP
10	\$218 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$418 Child MAP	\$192 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$392 Child MAP	\$207 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$407 Child MAP	\$181 Base Child MAP <u>+200 CS Disregard</u> =\$381 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, 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 Child Support in Lieu of Cash Grant if all other conditions are met.

Example 1, child resides in region 1. The AU size would be 3 with the child included. It is a non-exempt AU so the base Child MAP for the child is \$192.00, adding the \$200.00 child support “pass through” or “disregard”, the total child MAP is \$392.00. The child receives \$400.00 in child support. Therefore, the child can participate if they meet the other required conditions because they receive more than \$392.00 in child support.

Example 2, same scenario as above except the child receives only \$250.00 in child support. The child cannot participate because the child support is less than the \$392.00 child MAP.

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<p style="text-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 \$216 Base Child MAP  <u>+200</u> CS Disregard                      =\$416 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 2 \$181 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1 \$192 Base Child MAP  <u>+200</u> CS Disregard                      =\$392 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 2 \$154 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1 \$206 Base Child MAP  <u>+200</u> CS Disregard                      =\$406 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 2 \$171 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1 \$182 Base Child MAP  <u>+200</u> CS Disregard                      =\$382 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 2 \$148 Child MAP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of two children can opt-in. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU</p>	<p>Child 1 \$209 Base Child MAP  <u>+200</u> CS Disregard                      =\$409 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 2 \$216 Child MAP                      Child 3 \$181 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1 \$191 Base Child MAP  <u>+200</u> CS Disregard                      =\$391 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 2 \$192 Child MAP                      Child 3 \$154 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1 \$197 Base Child MAP  <u>+200</u> CS Disregard                      =\$397 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 2 \$206 Child MAP                      Child 3 \$171 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                      Child 3 \$148 Child MAP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>If adult(s) are aided only a maximum of three children can opt-in. There must be at least one eligible CalWORKs aided child in the AU</p>	<p>Child 1 \$214 Base Child MAP  <u>+200</u> CS Disregard                      =\$414 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 2 \$209 Child MAP                      Child 3 \$216 Child MAP                      Child 4 \$181 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1 \$192 Base Child MAP  <u>+200</u> CS Disregard                      =\$392 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 2 \$191 Child MAP                      Child 3 \$192 Child MAP                      Child 4 \$154 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1 \$205 Base Child MAP  <u>+200</u> CS Disregard                      =\$405 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 2 \$197 Child MAP                      Child 3 \$206 Child MAP                      Child 4 \$171 Child MAP</p>	<p>Child 1 \$183 Base Child MAP  <u>+200</u> CS Disregard                      =\$383 Child MAP</p> <p>Child 2 \$182 Child MAP                      Child 3 \$182 Child MAP                      Child 4 \$148 Child MAP</p>

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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 Child Support in Lieu of Cash Grant 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 Change Support in Lieu of Cash Grant Option 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.).