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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 22-19

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS
ALL QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: CALFRESH, CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND
RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKS), REFUGEE CASH
ASSISTANCE (RCA), TRAFFICKING AND CRIME VICTIMS
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TCVAP), AND ENTRANT CASH
ASSISTANCE (ECA) IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL
(AB) 79 SECTIONS 37 AND 38: PREPOPULATED SAR 7
ELIGIBILITY STATUS REPORT

REFERENCE: [ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 79 SECTIONS 37 AND 38 \(CHAPTER 11, STATUTES OF 2020\); WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) SECTION 11265.1, WIC SECTION 11265.15.](#)

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The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in partnership with stakeholders, is developing a prepopulated Eligibility Status Report (SAR 7) to be used for CalFresh, CalWORKs, and other cash aid programs.

Most CalFresh households; CalWORKs semi-annual reporting assistance units (AUs); and RCA, ECA, and TCVAP recipients must complete a periodic report at least once during their certification period. The periodic report provides eligibility and income information that the CWD uses to determine ongoing eligibility and to calculate the benefit amount for the remaining certification or upcoming payment period.

The prepopulated SAR 7 will contain certain information available in the eligibility system for households, AUs, RCA, ECA, and TCVAP recipients. Rather than fill in a blank SAR 7 form, households, AUs, and/or RCA, ECA, and TCVAP recipients will be required to review information on the prepopulated SAR 7 and confirm whether that information is still reflective of their current circumstances. It is important to note that not every question on the SAR 7 will be prepopulated, and clients may still be required to fill in certain information, if applicable. If the prepopulated information is no longer reflective of the household's, AU's, and/or recipient's current circumstances, the household, AU, and/or recipient may be asked to provide updated information and verification.

Specific information and instructions regarding the prepopulated SAR 7 will be released in a forthcoming ACL. Implementation of the prepopulated SAR 7 will not be required until the automation necessary to carry out this provision is complete within the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS), pursuant to [WIC Section 11265.15](#).

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the CalFresh Policy and Employment Bureau at CalFreshPolicy@dss.ca.gov or the CalWORKs Early Engagement and Eligibility Bureau at CWEligibilityPolicy@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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