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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 22-98

This letter terminates the temporary change in the status of the Payment Verification System (PVS) match for the CalFresh program as unclear information issued in All County Letter No. 21-09. Effective December 1, 2022, the PVS match will be considered verified upon receipt for the CalFresh program.



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ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 22-98

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL COUNTY IEVS COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF TEMPORARY GUIDANCE TO THE PAYMENT
VERIFICATION SYSTEM MATCH PROCESSING FOR
CALFRESH

REFERENCE: MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SECTIONS [20-004](#),
[20-005](#), [20-006](#), AND [44-316.324\(B\)\(2\)](#); ACL NO'S. [17-41](#) AND [21-09](#);
[ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER DATED JUNE 5, 2020](#)

This ACL terminates the temporary status change of the Payment Verification System (PVS) match as unclear information for the CalFresh program, issued in [ACL No. 21-09](#). Effective December 1, 2022, the PVS match will once again be considered verified upon receipt (VUR) for the CalFresh program.

Background

Per the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) section [20-006.53](#) and [ACL No. 17-41](#), the PVS match is considered VUR for CalFresh benefits. VUR applies only to the CalFresh Program and means the provider is the primary source of the information, the information provided is not questionable, and no further information is needed to take action. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, temporary changes related to processing the PVS match were outlined in [ACL No. 21-09](#) and became effective on February 18, 2021. The letter provided temporary guidance that the PVS match must not be considered VUR for the CalFresh program, since not all unemployment insurance (UI) benefits were being included on the match provided by the California Employment Development Department (EDD).

The Payment Verification System Match Policy

The PVS match is a Recipient Income and Eligibility Verification System (R-IEVS) data match and is a monthly process that provides the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with information on CalWORKs and CalFresh recipients who receive or are entitled to receive Social Security Administration (SSA) Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance, State UI, or State Disability Insurance benefits. The match is generated from information received from the California EDD and the Social Security Administration.

[ACL No. 17-41](#) provides the CWDs with guidance on processing the IEVS match information and identifies the PVS match as VUR for the CalFresh program. Processing guidance for the PVS match in the CalWORKs program remains unchanged.

Termination of Temporary Guidance

Effective December 1, 2022, the temporary guidance for processing the PVS match issued in [ACL No. 21-09](#) will be terminated and all PVS matches generated and received after November 1, 2022 will be considered VUR for the CalFresh program.

Once the temporary guidance for processing the PVS match ends and the match is again considered VUR, the CWDs must process the PVS match per policy and guidance outlined in [ACL No. 17-41](#).

If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the Data Stewardship and Integrity Bureau at PIBPolicyUnit@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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