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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 24-29E

This All County Letter errata updates policy for the new California Lottery Winnings Recipient Income and Eligibility Verification System match and provides County Welfare Departments guidance on the match process.



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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CALWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CALFRESH PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL COUNTY INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION
SYSTEM COORDINATORS
ALL TAX INTERCEPT COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: ERRATA TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE LOTTERY WINNINGS
RECIPIENT INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM
MATCH

REFERENCE: [TITLE 7 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS \(CFR\)](#)
[SECTION 273.2\(f\)](#), [7 CFR SECTION 273.8\(B\)](#), [7 CFR](#)
[SECTION 273.9](#), [7 CFR SECTION 273.11\(r\)](#), [7 CFR](#)
[SECTION 273.12\(A\)\(1\)\(VIII\)](#); [MANUAL OF POLICIES](#)
[AND PROCEDURES \(MPP\) SECTION 20-006.11](#), [MPP](#)
[SECTION 20-006.543\(B\)\(1\)](#), AND [MPP SECTION 42-](#)
[207.1](#); [ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) 17-41](#) AND [ACL 20-](#)
[132](#)

This All County Letter (ACL) errata provides match processing updates and an amended start date for the California (CA) Lottery Winnings Recipient Income and Eligibility Verification System (R-IEVS) match to County Welfare Departments (CWD).

**UPDATED: MATCH PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS CALIFORNIA LOTTERY
RECIPIENT IEVS MATCH DATA**

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has entered an interagency agreement with the CA Lottery to provide monthly reports of individuals who have received over the maximum allowable financial resource limit for elderly or disabled households as defined at [7 CFR Section 273.8\(b\)](#). The winnings threshold is based on the maximum allowable financial resource limit detailed in

[7 CFR Section 273.8](#) and [7 CFR Section 273.9](#) and may be adjusted annually per [7 CFR Section 273.8\(b\)](#).

CDSS will cross reference the CA Lottery's monthly report with the Monthly Medi-Cal Eligibility File of CalFresh recipients to create the CA Lottery R-IEVS Match. This monthly match will contain information related to the winners' personal identifiable information, benefit case information, and amount of winnings.

The sole purpose of this match is to verify the eligibility of CalFresh recipients in accordance with [7 CFR Section 273.2\(f\)](#) and the requirements outlined in [ACL 20-132](#). The CWDs must also fully understand and abide by all confidentiality requirements and all CDSS information security and privacy policies ([MPP Section 19-002.1](#)).

The CA Lottery R-IEVS match is expected to be provided to CWDs beginning September 2024.

LOTTERY MATCH RETRIEVAL

The CA Lottery R-IEVS Match will be provided each month to CWDs through their IEVS Secure Automated File Exchange (SAFE) account for retrieval. The match will be available for 30 calendar days through the SAFE server and must be downloaded monthly. If the CWD has an existing IEVS SAFE account, there is no further action required unless new user access is requested.

The CWDs are required to appoint an Administrator for their SAFE Account. The CWDs are strongly encouraged to select a supervisor that has experience and knowledge of their county's current SAFE account as their SAFE Administrator. However, the CWD may choose to allow non-supervisory staff to take this role, provided the CWD and the assigned administrator are aware of the role's capacities. The Administrator's role is to receive match delivery notifications, determine who will have access to the SAFE, and submit [GEN 1395](#) requests to add or delete users.

Please note, the CWDs are responsible for working with their county Information Technology staff to ensure hardware is updated and able to access the system.

UPDATED: VERIFICATION

To identify potential discrepancies, the CWDs must review the case information to determine if the household has reported the lottery winnings. Per the Food and Nutrition Service direction, case narration is acceptable as verification for a report of substantial winnings. The lottery match is considered Verified Upon Receipt for the CalFresh program because the data is not questionable, is provided from the

primary source, and no further information is needed to take action. Therefore, a client verification letter (GEN 201-R) will not be required before action is taken on the case.

If the winnings received on the match have not been reported, and the dollar amount of the winnings is above the maximum allowed, the CWD must take action to discontinue the entire household within 45 calendar days of receipt of the match. At the time of discontinuance, the CWD must send timely and adequate notice in accordance with [7 CFR Section 273.11\(r\)](#). All members of a household must lose eligibility when the CWD has verified a household member has received substantial lottery or gambling winnings. When case action is taken, the case must be reviewed for potential over issuance.

Per [ACL 20-132](#), a household that is discontinued as a result of this rule ([7 CFR Section 273.11\(r\)](#)) may re-apply for CalFresh at any time. When such a household reapplies, eligibility rules at [7 CFR Section 273.10](#) must be used to determine the household's eligibility and the household cannot be considered categorically eligible or modified categorically eligible.

The updated policy outlined in this letter does not change CWD's requirement to follow relevant program rules for households also receiving California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) benefits. An applicant or recipient Assistance Unit (AU) may retain countable resources not excluded elsewhere by regulations, not to exceed the current CalWORKs resource limit. If the limit is exceeded, the family or child is ineligible ([MPP Section 42-207.1](#)). The resource limit figures are subject to a cost of living increase on January 1 of each year. These updates to the resource limits are published by the CDSS through an annual ACL. If the AU exceeds the current resource limit, the CWDs must take action according to the CalWORKs program rules.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, contact the Data Stewardship and Integrity Bureau at IEVSReviewUnit@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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