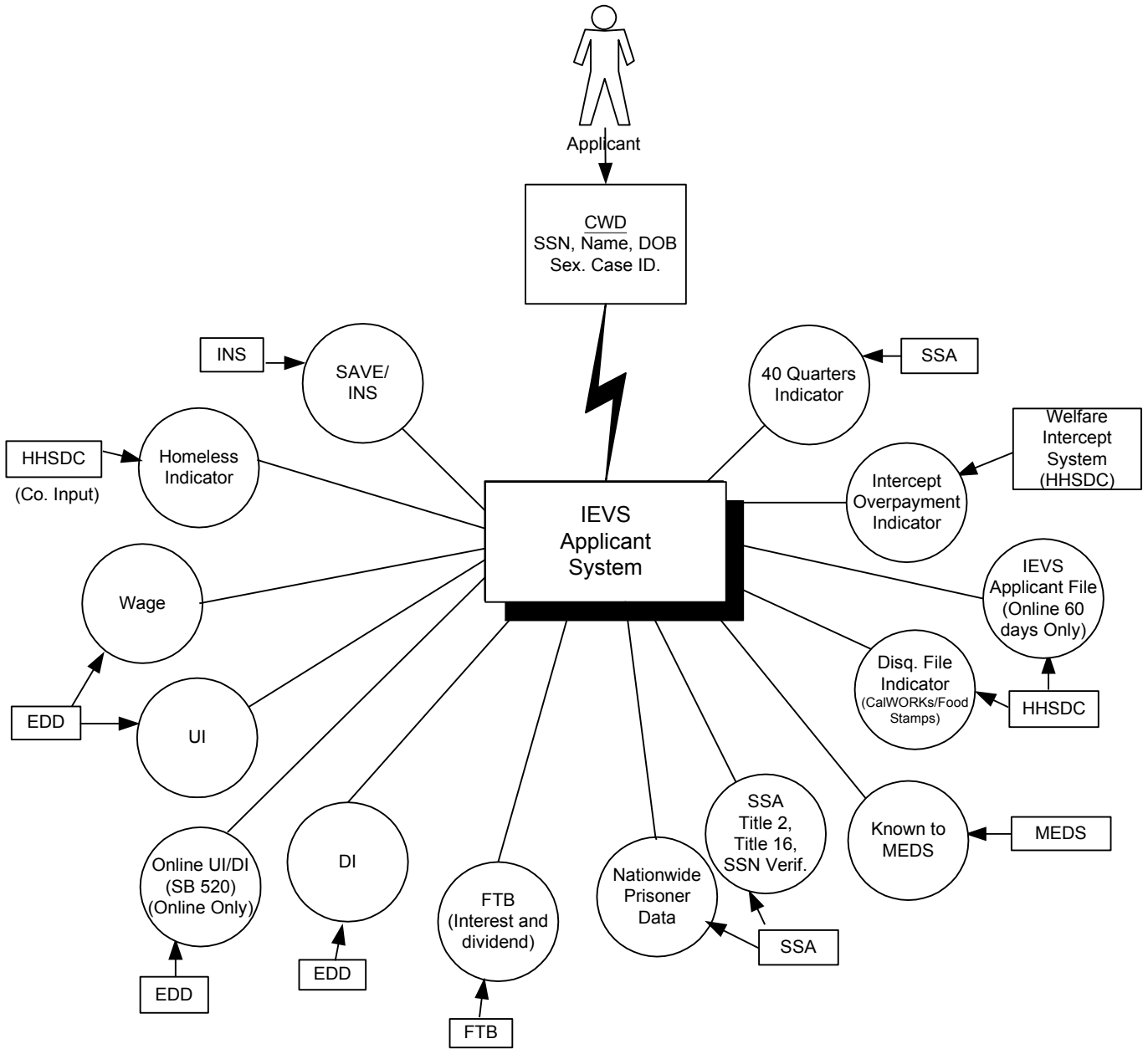


***Income and Eligibility Verification System
(IEVS)
Applicant System***



What is the Applicant IEVS system?

The Applicant Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) was implemented in 1987. It was developed by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) utilizing the existing statewide Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) communication network.

When an applicant applies for CaiWORKs, CalFresh (Food Stamps) or Medi-Cal, the County Intake worker submits identifying information (name, SSN, sex, date of birth) to DHCS either via the MEDS terminal located within the county or by transmitting batched data using DHCS network connections. An "applicant" includes all individuals seeking assistance, including persons that are added to an existing case, and other individuals (non-applicant) whose income or resources are considered in determining the amount of benefits. The applicant information is cross-matched or compared to the income and status sources of Unemployment Insurance(UI)/Disability Insurance (DI), Social Security Administration (SSA), Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program, Franchise Tax Board (FTB), etc. This process will provide financial information that determines whether the applicant qualifies for aid and at what level.

The information will be made available to the counties in the form of an "abstract". The abstracts are then used during the eligibility determination process to verify the accuracy of income and assets reported by the applicant. The information is made available on-line to the counties within 24 to 48 hours and a hard copy abstract is sent to the county within three to four working days. The abstracts are then used during the eligibility determination process to verify the accuracy of income and assets reported by the applicant.

- The process is run daily.
- The match criterion varies for different matches but consists of name, gender, date of birth and SSN.
- Most of the matches are done at the time of application and are repeated at regularly scheduled intervals by the IEVS Recipient System or whenever the matching files are updated.
- The IEVS Applicant System is also used by the counties at time of redetermination or recertification.
- The IEVS Applicant System matches with and receives data for:
 - UI/DI Benefits;
 - Wages;
 - FTB Assets;
 - SSA Match Overpayment Indicator;
 - Homeless Indicator;
 - Disqualification Indicator Forty-Quarters Indicator; and
 - SAVE (Alien Status Verification) Known-to-welfare (MEDS File) IEVS Applicant file (Online Only).