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Introducing BenefitsCal

BenefitsCal is a new simple way for our customers to apply for, view, and renew benefits for health coverage, food and cash assistance, as well as upload documents, report changes and connect with a caseworker.

BenefitsCal will replace MyBenefitsCalWIN when Contra Costa and other CalWIN counties transition to CalSAWS in 2022. Prior to that, BenefitsCal will replace the customer portals other counties use including C4Yourself (September 2021) and YourBenefitsNow! (November 2021).





BenefitsCal will support applications for CalFresh, Medi-Cal/County Medical Services Program (CMSP), CalWORKS, General Aid/General Relief (GA/GR), Disaster CalFresh and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)

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Where to Find Forms in CalSAWS

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CalSAWS will have a one-stop place for you to find forms you may need. Currently, you can generate some forms that are not available in CalWIN by pulling them from FormSTAR, Compass Pilot Forms or Adobe.

In CalSAWS, you can go into the Templates Repository window and search for various applications, forms, and Notices of Action in a single location. Some of these forms will be available as templates. You can conveniently access the window while working on a case to create prefilled or blank "shelf stock" forms,

applications and NOAs.

One example of how this function may be useful is when a worker wants to obtain a customer's signature and print the Statement of Facts at Intake or Redetermination. In this scenario, after completing the Data Collection windows, the worker would:



- Hover over Client Correspondence tab on the Global Navigation bar
- Click on Templates from the Local Navigation menu
- Search for Form Name, Number or Category of the desired application
- Complete the Document Parameters window
- Click Generate Form button

The Templates Repository window is one of the many simple functions that will be available with the CalSAWS implementation.

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The BenefitsCal communication activities are in progress and include a new marketing website (www.BenefitsCal.com) where users, CBOs, staff, and the public can learn more and stay up to date on its development before going live in September. For Contra Costa, Placer and Yolo – CalWIN Wave 1 counties – marketing BenefitsCal will start around July of 2022, leading up to our Go-Live date in October of that year. In the meantime, the site will redirect Contra Costa customers who visit the portal to MyBenefitsCalWIN.



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