OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2024-25 Cal ISIR Reprocessing and Technical Document Updates**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) communicates several updates, including plans to reprocess 2024-25 Cal ISIRs and updates to the 24/25 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) technical documents.

Reprocessing of 2024-24 Cal ISIRs

The Commission plans on reprocessing 2024-25 Cal ISIR records to address several items listed below, and to account for recent updates from Federal Student Aid (FSA) to the [FAFSA Specifications Volumes 4, 5 and 7](#) from April and May 2024.

Item	Resolution	Impact to SAI
Verification Flag not set for some records	Verification flag will be set to "Y" or "N" for any records where a null value was present. All other records with an existing value, will remain unchanged.	No
Data in Parent fields for some Independent students	Parental fields for Independent students will be blank, as expected.	No
Parent assets in wrong position (cash/savings/checking)	Cal ISIR files will correctly list parent assets in bytes 1946 – 1952.	No
FISAP Income Missing	FISAP Income will be provided for all CADAA records for school's reference	No
FSA updated procedure for students with "Other Circumstances"	Set Reject 1 and Comment Code 325 for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth.	Provisional SAI assigned
FSA added new Comment Code 023	Set Reject 1 and Comment Code 023 for students with missing personal information.	SAI not calculated until resolved

- Reprocessing will happen on a single transaction for all impacted students, within the next week.

- Institutions will receive an updated Cal ISIR file, which will reflect a new transaction number for any impacted students. These records can be identified by looking at bytes 122-123, which will display "5C."

  - **Byte 122**: Transaction Source will be set to "5" indicating CSAC as the source of the transaction.

  - **Byte 123**: Transaction Type will be set to "C" indicating a Correction.

2024-25 Cal ISIR Record Layout Update

- A minor change was made to the 24/25 Cal ISIR Record Layout dated April 9, 2024, to field *#587 Interested in DSIG*. The valid content for this field was expanded to allow for "Blank" values.

2024-25 CADAA Comment and Reject Codes

- Several changes have been made to the 24/25 CADAA Comment and Reject Codes, due to the recent updates from Federal Student Aid mentioned previously.

- Main changes include the addition of two new comment codes.

Updated versions of the 24/25 Cal ISIR Record Layout and CADAA Comment and Reject Codes has been posted to the CADAA Technical Documents webpage and are dated 06.10.2024. These versions replace the prior versions dated 04.09.2024. Change logs are also attached to this communication as a quick reference of these changes.

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Enclosures: Change logs for the Cal ISIR and CADAA Comment Codes/Rejects

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