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## CWS/CMS RELEASE 8.1 AND INTERIM RELEASE 8.1.0 CODE DROP SUMMARY

This is to advise all CWS/CMS users that the CWS/CMS Release 8.1 and Interim Release 8.1.0 was implemented on Saturday, January 6, 2018. Release 8.1 contained one (1) System Change Request (SCR) [8692](#) to implement the third phase of the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) requirements.

As a result, there were several changes to CWS/CMS, the specifics of which are outlined below with links to training and other materials.

[Training Materials](#)

[Assembly Bill \(AB\) 403](#) created new mandates for the implementation of Continuum of Care Reform (CCR). These include many new processes of data entry required for counties to meet specific process documentation requirements. For example, CWS/CMS will now need to record information on Treatment Foster Care, Temporary Shelter Care, Child and Family Teams, and Core Services, among other data needs.

In an effort to comply with these new mandates, CWS/CMS Release 8.1 included the following changes:

- The Process Placement Home Move function now processes Foster Family Homes that populated from License Information System (LIS), Foster Family Agency Certified Homes (FFACH), Foster Family Agency Certified Resource Family Homes (FFACRFH), and Relative Homes. In addition, the Process Placement Home move function allows Foster Family Homes that populated from LIS and Relative/NREFM Homes to create a new Resource Family Home (RFH). Process Placement Home Move will also accept a FFACH or Relative/NREFM Home to create a new FFACRFH.
- The Placement Home checkbox caption (that indicates that a home has been moved via Process Placement Home Move) was changed to a value that better reflects the multiple purposes of this function.
- The system requires license numbers for RFH to be unique across all CCL and County licensed Foster Family Homes and County Licensed RFHs, regardless of license status. However, previous license numbers may be reused for homes which have been moved via the Process Placement Home Move function.
- In County License Case (CLC), multiple active license rows shall no longer require multiple application approved rows, unless the active license row follows an inactive license row.
- For RFH, the system shall record the county that provided the initial CLC approval.
- When a Placement Home record changes Placement Facility Type, the system records the history of changes to the Placement Facility Type, including dates. The system records changes to this field whether the changes are user entered, or come from the LIS interface.
- Eight (8) values have been added to the list of Background Check Types. The Background checks grid was changed to allow the date requested and date received to be recorded, which required some of the Background Check Types to be renamed.



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- The system shall allow the user to record if the child's Mental Health needs meet the definition of medical necessity as part of the Intervention Plan and included in the HEP.
- Currently, the system stores the date of data entry when a Placement Episode is ended. The system shall not change this date after it has been recorded. This data is not shown on any screen, but is used only for reporting purposes for AFCARS.

Release 8.1.0 contained two (2) System Change Requests (SCR):

- SCR 8663 – Windows 10 (64-bit)/Office 2016 (32-bit) Migration (Warning Message Only)  
As part of SCR 8663, the following message started appearing on Windows 7 machines on March 5, 2018: "Beginning with Release 8.2, CWS/CMS will not be supported on Windows 7. Please update to 64-bit Windows 10 LTSB before April 21, 2018."
- [SCR 8708](#) - No longer default the Action Date in the Approval Detail dialog when ending a case (Set/Met)

### [Training Materials](#)

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