

## NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES

### **Opportunity to Comment on Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 Caseload Reduction Report**

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is required by federal law to submit a Caseload Reduction Report (Form ACF-202) to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) if California requests a caseload reduction credit for its Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) work participation rate requirement.

Section 407(b)(3) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) requires a reduction of the state's required participation rate for a fiscal year by the number of percentage points that the average monthly number of families receiving assistance in the state in the immediate preceding fiscal year is less than the average monthly number of families that received assistance in the state in the FFY 2005. The statute prohibits the caseload reduction credit from including any caseload declines due to requirements of federal law or due to differences in state eligibility criteria.

To receive a caseload reduction credit, the state must complete Form ACF-202 in accordance with the regulations in 45 CFR 261.40 et seq., Section 407 (b)(3) of the Social Security Act and the DRA. The FFY 2014 report provides the information needed to calculate a caseload reduction credit (FFY 2013 vs. FFY 2005), and thus determine the participation standard the state must meet for the fiscal year.

**The CDSS has elected not to submit a Form ACF-202 for FFY 2013 because preliminary analysis indicates that no credit would be applied to California's work participation rate requirement for FFY 2014.**

Comments relating to California's Caseload Reduction Report not being sent to the ACF may be submitted in writing to the address or email listed below. All comments must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on December 31, 2013.

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