

SITUATION:

Our monthly CalWORKs sample includes Secondary Sample (new applicant) cases. There are no WTW services (other than diversion) that can be provided to nonrecipients. Since these cases have just come on assistance in the sample month, there is virtually no possibility that they could be engaged in some countable WTW activity.

QUESTION:

Is there some provision for excluding these secondary cases from figuring into the WTW participation rate calculation?

ANSWER:

Unfortunately, no.

The WTW participation rate is calculated on both a county and statewide level. The individual county rate is derived from data on the WTW30 report. The sample used for this report does not have secondary cases, therefore reflecting favorably on the county's WPR for the reasons noted above. The statewide WTW participation rate is derived from Q5i data. This data instrument includes a new applicant universe to meet federal data reporting requirements. There is currently no provision for excluding these cases from WPR calculation. This disparity is one of the reasons for variance in the WPR as calculated by the WTW30 and Q5i instruments.