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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-46-13

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ENTERPRISE II LITE (E2Lite) CONTACTS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: **OPTION TO MODIFY COUNTY TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR
NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) WORK PARTICIPATION RATE E2Lite
SAMPLE SIZE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2014**

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

This notice offers an option to county welfare directors that may provide workload relief by lowering the precision and the sample size for the County Work Participation Rate (CoWPR) E2Lite sample cases established by the Federal Data Reporting and Analysis Bureau (FDRAB) for FFY 2014.

The primary purpose of the E2Lite sample is to collect data from each county to calculate county-specific WPRs for purposes of federal data reporting. This data may also be used to pass-on a portion of federal penalties to the counties. This would occur if the state does not achieve the federally required WPRs and sustains a penalty after exhausting all available options to reduce, delay, or eliminate the penalty, and after any relief is provided in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10544.

In an effort to reduce administrative workload for counties, the California Department of Social Services again extends an option to the counties which would adjust the sample precision level to reduce sample sizes, and at the same time, maintain the current All Families and Two-Parent sampling methodology.

For Option A, the proposed sample precisions are: +/- three percent for All Families and +/- five percent for Two-Parent at a 95 percent confidence level. This option offers workload relief for all counties except for the smallest counties that will report their entire caseloads. The estimated reductions are included in the Estimated Impact of Reduced CoWPR Sample Precision chart (see Attachment I). Option B maintains the current sample precision levels of +/- two percent for All Families and +/- 3.9 percent for Two-Parent at a 95 percent confidence level.

Based on the county's selection of option A or B, the FFY 2014 sample sizes will be determined and included in the FFY 2014 data reporting instructions, which should be released in September 2013.

Please note, the FDRAB will continue to refine the sampling methodology using the most current sample trends to better reflect county caseload variations. Actual county sample sizes may differ slightly from those shown in Attachment I but the degree of the workload relief is not expected to change.

Each county is required to elect a sample precision option by completing the attached CoWPR Precision Declaration/Waiver (Attachment II). Counties that elect to reduce the sample precision waive the right to challenge the precision of the resulting WPR based upon the reduced sample size. The election of sample precisions are irrevocable and will be effective for the entire FFY.

Please complete the attached County Work Participation Rate Precision Declaration/Waiver for FFY 2014. Completed Declaration/Waivers must be submitted to the FDRAB by September 23, 2013. Failure to submit a completed Declaration/Waiver by the deadline will result in an "Option B" default sample precision level for the entire FFY. Please submit to:

California Department of Social Services
Federal Data Reporting and Analysis Bureau
Attention: Donald Hamilton
744 P Street, MS 9-12-57
Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX: (916) 651-2868
Email: Donald.Hamilton@dss.ca.gov

If you have any questions regarding this ACIN, please direct them to Donald Hamilton at Donald.Hamilton@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

M. AKHTAR KHAN, Ph.D., Chief
Research Services Branch

Attachments

c: CWDA

**ESTIMATED IMPACT OF REDUCED CoWPR SAMPLE PRECISION^{1/}
FFY 2014**

County	Sample Estimates (includes allowance for drop rates)						
	E2Lite Sample (based on original sample precision) (Option B) ^{2/}		Reduced E2Lite Sample (based on modified sample precision) (Option A) ^{3/}		Estimated Workload Relief ^{4/}		
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Percent
ALAMEDA	2,996	250	1,497	125	1,499	125	50.0%
Alpine ^{5/}	68	6	--	--	--	--	--
Amador	1,699	142	1,045	87	654	55	38.5%
Butte	2,441	203	1,284	107	1,157	96	47.4%
Calaveras	1,819	152	1,063	89	756	63	41.6%
Colusa ^{6/}	1,302	109	842	70	460	38	35.3%
CONTRA COSTA	2,577	215	1,318	110	1,259	105	48.9%
Del Norte	1,881	157	1,066	89	815	68	43.3%
El Dorado	2,156	180	1,194	100	962	80	44.6%
FRESNO	2,336	195	1,128	94	1,208	101	51.7%
Glenn	1,661	138	1,001	83	660	55	39.7%
Humboldt	2,295	191	1,246	104	1,049	87	45.7%
Imperial	2,398	200	1,253	104	1,145	95	47.7%
Inyo ^{6/}	1,044	87	713	59	331	28	31.7%
KERN	2,539	212	1,257	105	1,282	107	50.5%
Kings	2,402	200	1,272	106	1,130	94	47.0%
Lake	2,080	173	1,147	96	933	78	44.9%
Lassen	1,730	144	1,030	86	700	58	40.5%
LOS ANGELES	1,664	139	334	28	1,330	111	79.9%
Madera	2,418	202	1,276	106	1,142	95	47.2%
Marin	2,110	176	1,179	98	931	78	44.1%
Mariposa	1,324	110	860	72	464	39	35.0%
Mendocino	2,261	188	1,242	104	1,019	85	45.1%
MERCED	2,368	197	1,211	101	1,157	96	48.9%
Modoc ^{6/}	1,138	95	736	61	402	34	35.3%
Mono ^{5/}	465	39	--	--	--	--	--
MONTEREY	2,671	223	1,385	115	1,286	107	48.1%
Napa	2,047	171	1,191	99	856	71	41.8%
Nevada	2,036	170	1,159	97	877	73	43.1%
ORANGE	2,602	217	1,292	108	1,310	109	50.3%
Placer	2,368	197	1,274	106	1,094	91	46.2%
Plumas ^{6/}	1,353	113	833	69	520	43	38.4%
RIVERSIDE	2,431	203	1,146	96	1,285	107	52.9%
SACRAMENTO	2,304	192	1,090	91	1,214	101	52.7%
San Benito	1,987	166	1,139	95	848	71	42.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	2,280	190	1,017	85	1,263	105	55.4%
SAN DIEGO	2,430	203	1,168	97	1,262	105	51.9%
SAN FRANCISCO	2,588	216	1,361	113	1,227	102	47.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	2,412	201	1,201	100	1,211	101	50.2%
San Luis Obispo	2,399	200	1,299	108	1,100	92	45.9%
San Mateo	2,479	207	1,324	110	1,155	96	46.6%
Santa Barbara	2,551	213	1,339	112	1,212	101	47.5%
SANTA CLARA	2,569	214	1,304	109	1,265	105	49.2%
Santa Cruz	2,375	198	1,286	107	1,089	91	45.9%
Shasta	2,312	193	1,215	101	1,097	91	47.4%
Sierra ^{5/}	310	26	--	--	--	--	--
Siskiyou	1,995	166	1,123	94	872	73	43.7%
SOLANO	2,562	214	1,330	111	1,232	103	48.1%
Sonoma	2,355	196	1,254	105	1,101	92	46.8%
STANISLAUS	2,379	198	1,201	100	1,178	98	49.5%
Sutter	2,230	186	1,211	101	1,019	85	45.7%
Tehama	2,156	180	1,180	98	976	81	45.3%
Trinity ^{6/}	1,140	95	738	62	402	34	35.3%
TULARE	2,408	201	1,206	101	1,202	100	49.9%
Tuolumne	2,010	168	1,154	96	856	71	42.6%
VENTURA	2,600	217	1,348	112	1,252	104	48.2%
Yolo	2,269	189	1,218	102	1,051	88	46.3%
Yuba	2,185	182	1,177	98	1,008	84	46.1%

Note: Counties in uppercase are the 19 largest Performance Measurement Counties (PMC)

^{1/} This chart identifies the approximate workload relief for the E2Lite sample and is subject to change. The CoWPR sample is the combination of federal (RADEP) samples and E2Lite samples for each county. The federal sample is not impacted by the proposed change in CoWPR sample precision and counties will continue to receive their federal sample cases in the CoWPR.

^{2/} Sample precision: 95% confidence level, +/- 2.1% for All Family, +/- 3.9% Two-Parent

^{3/} Sample precision: 95% confidence level, +/- 3.0% for All Family, +/- 5.0% Two-Parent

^{4/} Changes in sample precision will be effective upon receipt of CoWPR Precision Declaration/Waiver document.

^{5/} Alpine, Mono, and Sierra counties are subject to 100% reporting, based on MEDS data.

^{6/} Colusa, Inyo, Modoc, Plumas, and Trinity counties are subject to 100% reporting for Two-Parent sample only under "Option B" Waiver based on MEDS data.

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2014
COUNTY WORK PARTICIPATION RATE PRECISION
DECLARATION/WAIVER

I, _____,
County Welfare Director
certify that I have the authority to enter into binding agreements on behalf of the _____ CalWORKs Program.
County Agency

I understand the following options are available for the determination of County Work Participation Rate (CoWPR) sample.

OPTION A. ELECTION TO REDUCE SAMPLE PRECISION LEVEL

Adjust the CoWPR sample precision to +/- 3 percent for All Families cases and +/- 5 percent for Two-Parent cases at 95 percent confidence level. This adjustment will likely result in reduced CoWPR sample sizes established by the Federal Data Reporting and Analysis Bureau.

I recognize that by electing Option A, the CoWPR (based on this reduced sample size) may have relatively less precision than the rate produced by the sample size based on the current sample precision. Because of this possible effect, the county waives the right to challenge the precision of the resulting CoWPR based on the reduced sample size. Selection of this option is irrevocable.

OPTION B. ELECTION TO MAINTAIN CURRENT SAMPLE PRECISION LEVEL

Maintain the current sample precision level for the remainder of the FFY. The current sample precision is +/- 2 percent for All Families cases and +/- 3.9 percent for Two-Parent cases at 95 percent confidence level.

Pursuant to All County Information Notice NO. I-46-13 dated August 13, 2013, I, acting in my official capacity, elect, on behalf of the county to exercise Option _____ in the determination of my county's WPR sample.

Signature

Title

Date