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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-24-09

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 ENTERPRISE
II LITE (E2Lite) SAMPLE SIZE

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 transmits information regarding an option available 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). As a result of the current economic downturn, California is facing both decreased revenue and increased need for services. In an effort to reduce administrative burdens for counties, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), after meeting with the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and county representatives, has identified an option available to county welfare directors to reduce the monthly workload associated with county work participation rate (WPR) data collection for E2Lite.

The primary purpose of the E2Lite sample is to collect data from each county to calculate county-specific WPRs, which may 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 WPR 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.

CDSS 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 Family and Two-Parent sampling methodology. The proposed sample precisions are: +/- 3 percent for All Family and +/- 5 percent for Two-Parent at a 95 percent confidence level. This option offers workload relief for all counties (except the smallest two counties that would continue to report 100 percent of their caseloads) while continuing to provide CoWPR

data for all 58 counties. The estimated reductions are included in the Estimated Impact of Reduced CoWPR Sample Precision chart (see Attachment I).

Each county will be 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.

For Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009, the CoWPR Precision Declaration/Waiver is due to FDRAB by April 15, 2009 and will be effective for the May 2009 CoWPR sample. For subsequent years, a CoWPR Precision Declaration/Waiver will be required to be on file two months prior to the beginning of each FFY. The election of sample precisions are irrevocable and will be effective for the entire FFY, with the exception of FFY 2009 in which they would effective from May-September.

Please submit the completed Declaration/Waiver to:

California Department of Social Services
Federal Data Report and Analysis Bureau
Attention: Karen Kennedy
744 P Street, MS 20-57
Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX: (916) 515-3519
Email: karen.kennedy@dss.ca.gov

Questions regarding this information should be directed to your FDRAB County Consultant at (916) 515-3525.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

KAREN CAGLE, Chief
Estimates and Research Services Branch

Attachments

c: CWDA

ESTIMATED IMPACT OF REDUCED CoWPR SAMPLE PRECISION^{1f}
FFY 2009

County	Sample Estimates (includes allowance for drop rates)						
	Current E2Lite Sample (Option B) ^{2g}		Proposed E2Lite Sample (Option A) ^{2g}		Estimated Workload Relief ^{4f}		
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Percent
Alameda	2,608	217	1,321	110	1,287	107	49.3%
Alpine ^{5f}	88	7	88	7	0	0	0.0%
Amador	1,540	128	892	83	548	48	35.6%
Butte	2,534	211	1,358	113	1,178	98	48.5%
Calaveras	1,706	142	1,053	88	653	54	38.3%
Colusa	1,393	116	852	79	441	37	31.7%
Contra	2,712	226	1,416	118	1,296	108	47.8%
Del Norte	2,033	169	1,162	97	871	73	42.8%
El Dorado	2,180	182	1,243	104	937	78	43.0%
Fresno	2,439	203	1,200	100	1,239	103	50.8%
Glenn	1,790	149	1,086	91	704	59	39.3%
Humboldt	2,400	200	1,321	110	1,079	90	45.0%
Imperial	2,447	204	1,305	109	1,142	95	48.7%
Inyo	1,070	89	761	63	309	28	28.9%
Kern	2,638	220	1,338	112	1,300	108	49.3%
Kings	2,459	205	1,335	111	1,124	94	45.7%
Lake	2,244	187	1,267	106	977	81	43.5%
Lassen	1,963	164	1,166	97	797	66	40.6%
Los Angeles	1,882	157	529	44	1,353	113	71.9%
Madera	2,492	208	1,352	113	1,140	95	45.7%
Marin	2,138	178	1,229	102	909	78	42.5%
Mariposa	1,173	98	819	68	354	30	30.2%
Mendocino	2,289	191	1,278	107	1,011	84	44.2%
Merced	2,442	204	1,272	106	1,170	98	47.9%
Modoc	1,155	96	802	67	353	29	30.6%
Mono	410	34	357	30	53	4	12.9%
Monterey	2,686	224	1,432	119	1,254	105	48.7%
Napa	1,963	164	1,173	98	790	66	40.2%
Nevada	1,972	164	1,182	99	790	66	40.1%
Orange	2,611	218	1,328	111	1,283	107	49.1%
Placer	2,336	195	1,291	108	1,045	87	44.7%
Plumas	1,243	104	862	72	381	32	30.7%
Riverside	2,768	231	1,368	114	1,400	117	50.6%
Sacramento	2,301	192	1,104	92	1,197	100	52.0%
San Benito	2,045	170	1,204	100	841	70	41.1%
San Bernardino	2,527	211	1,203	100	1,324	110	52.4%
San Diego	2,615	218	1,304	109	1,311	109	50.1%
San Francisco	2,683	224	1,425	119	1,258	105	48.9%
San Joaquin	2,515	210	1,282	107	1,233	103	49.0%
San Luis Obispo	2,446	204	1,355	113	1,091	91	44.6%
San Mateo	2,534	211	1,392	116	1,142	95	45.1%
Santa Barbara	2,582	215	1,382	115	1,200	100	46.5%
Santa Clara	2,516	210	1,288	107	1,228	102	48.8%
Santa Cruz	2,470	206	1,358	113	1,112	93	45.0%
Shasta	2,480	207	1,334	111	1,146	98	48.2%
Sierra ^{5f}	329	27	329	27	0	0	0.0%
Siskiyou	2,076	173	1,193	99	883	74	42.5%
Solano	2,730	228	1,442	120	1,288	107	47.2%
Sonoma	2,523	210	1,372	114	1,151	96	45.6%
Stanislaus	2,474	206	1,279	107	1,195	100	48.3%
Sutter	2,283	190	1,276	106	1,007	84	44.1%
Tehama	2,217	185	1,248	104	989	81	43.7%
Trinity	1,282	107	859	72	423	35	33.0%
Tulare	2,484	207	1,272	106	1,212	101	48.8%
Tuolumne	1,944	162	1,171	98	773	64	39.8%
Ventura	2,598	217	1,424	119	1,174	98	45.2%
Yolo	2,394	200	1,310	109	1,084	90	45.3%
Yuba	2,318	193	1,277	106	1,041	87	44.9%

^{1f} This chart only identifies the estimated workload relief for the E2Lite sample. 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.

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

^{3g} Sample precision: 95% confidence level, +/- 3% for All Family, +/- 5% Two-Parent

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

^{5f} Alpine and Sierra counties are subject to 100% reporting.

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2009
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 and that the option is irrevocable for the remainder of the federal fiscal year. Because of this possible effect, the county waives the right to challenge the precision of the resulting work participation rate (WPR) based on the reduced sample size.

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 I-24-09, dated April 1, 2009, 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