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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-57-09

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 FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2010

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) for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010.

In an effort to reduce administrative workload for counties, the California Department of Social Services continues to extend 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 three counties that will 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). Based on the county's selection of option A or B, the FFY 2010 sample sizes will be determined and included in the FFY 2010 data reporting instructions, which should be released in September 2009. (Please note, we 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 magnitude of the workload relief is not expected to change significantly based upon this analysis.)

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.

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 2010. Completed Declaration/Waivers should be submitted to the FDRAB by August 21, 2009. Please submit to:

California Department of Social Services
Federal Data Report and Analysis Bureau
Attention: Nguyet Nguyen
744 P Street, MS 20-57
Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX: (916) 515-3519
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Questions regarding this information should be directed to Nguyet Nguyen at (916) 928-2537.

***Original Document Signed By:
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KÄREN CAGLE, Chief
Estimates and Research Services Branch

Attachments

c: CWDA

ESTIMATED IMPACT OF REDUCED CoWPR SAMPLE PRECISION^{1/}
FFY 2010

County	Sample Estimates (includes allowance for drop rates)						
	Current E2Lite Sample (Option B) ^{2/}		Proposed E2Lite Sample (Option A) ^{3/}		Estimated Workload Relief ^{4/}		
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Percent
Alameda	2,827	236	1,410	118	1,417	118	50.1%
Alpine ^{5/}	111	9	--	--	--	--	--
Amador	1,593	133	1,002	84	591	49	37.1%
Butte	2,553	213	1,344	112	1,209	101	47.4%
Calaveras	1,752	146	1,055	88	697	58	39.8%
Colusa	1,383	115	935	78	448	37	32.4%
Contra Costa	2,711	226	1,389	116	1,322	110	48.8%
Del Norte	1,985	165	1,120	93	865	72	43.6%
El Dorado	2,193	183	1,229	102	964	80	44.0%
Fresno	2,413	201	1,160	97	1,253	104	51.9%
Glenn	1,785	149	1,065	89	720	60	40.3%
Humboldt	2,415	201	1,313	109	1,102	92	45.6%
Imperial	2,424	202	1,266	106	1,158	97	47.8%
Inyo	1,100	92	762	64	338	28	30.7%
Kern	2,631	219	1,313	109	1,318	110	50.1%
Kings	2,482	207	1,322	110	1,160	97	46.7%
Lake	2,294	191	1,265	105	1,029	86	44.9%
Lassen	1,908	159	1,132	94	776	65	40.7%
Los Angeles	1,854	155	481	40	1,373	114	74.1%
Madera	2,481	207	1,323	110	1,158	97	46.7%
Marin	2,139	178	1,206	101	933	78	43.6%
Mariposa	1,275	106	856	71	419	35	32.9%
Mendocino	2,317	193	1,271	106	1,046	87	45.1%
Merced	2,417	201	1,238	103	1,179	98	48.8%
Modoc	1,163	97	799	67	364	30	31.3%
Mono ^{5/}	500	42	--	--	--	--	--
Monterey	2,679	223	1,402	117	1,277	106	47.7%
Napa	1,973	164	1,156	96	817	68	41.4%
Nevada	2,049	171	1,190	99	859	72	41.9%
Orange	2,611	218	1,299	108	1,312	109	50.2%
Placer	2,344	195	1,267	106	1,077	90	45.9%
Plumas	1,238	103	850	71	388	32	31.3%
Riverside	2,802	234	1,349	112	1,453	121	51.9%
Sacramento	2,351	196	1,106	92	1,245	104	53.0%
San Benito	2,074	173	1,192	99	882	74	42.5%
San Bernardino	2,449	204	1,118	93	1,331	111	54.3%
San Diego	2,580	215	1,257	105	1,323	110	51.3%
San Francisco	2,716	226	1,417	118	1,299	108	47.8%
San Joaquin	2,515	210	1,260	105	1,255	105	49.9%
San Luis Obispo	2,460	205	1,333	111	1,127	94	45.8%
San Mateo	2,532	211	1,368	114	1,164	97	46.0%
Santa Barbara	2,567	214	1,350	113	1,217	101	47.4%
Santa Clara	2,525	210	1,268	106	1,257	105	49.8%
Santa Cruz	2,469	206	1,334	111	1,135	95	46.0%
Shasta	2,439	203	1,288	107	1,151	96	47.2%
Sierra ^{5/}	297	25	--	--	--	--	--
Siskiyou	2,155	180	1,221	102	934	78	43.3%
Solano	2,728	227	1,417	118	1,311	109	48.1%
Sonoma	2,538	212	1,354	113	1,184	99	46.7%
Stanislaus	2,443	204	1,239	103	1,204	100	49.3%
Sutter	2,274	190	1,241	103	1,033	86	45.4%
Tehama	2,207	184	1,217	101	990	83	44.9%
Trinity	1,225	102	814	68	411	34	33.6%
Tulare	2,504	209	1,259	105	1,245	104	49.7%
Tuolumne	1,947	162	1,149	96	798	67	41.0%
Ventura	2,619	218	1,357	113	1,262	105	48.2%
Yolo	2,415	201	1,291	108	1,124	94	46.5%
Yuba	2,319	193	1,253	104	1,066	89	46.0%

^{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% for All Family, +/- 3.9% Two-Parent

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

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2010
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-57-09, dated July 31, 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