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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-61-10

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 2011

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) 2011.

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 two 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 2011 sample sizes will be determined and included in the FFY 2011 data reporting instructions, which should be released in September 2010. (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 2011. Completed Declaration/Waivers should be submitted to the FDRAB by August 20, 2010. Please submit to:

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

Questions regarding this information should be directed to Geraldine Walker at (916) 928-2730.

Sincerely,

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KÄREN CAGLE, Chief
Estimates and Research Services Branch

Attachments

ESTIMATED IMPACT OF REDUCED CoWPR SAMPLE PRECISION^{1/}
FFY 2011

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	2,889	241	1,440	120	1,449	121	50.2%
Alpine ^{5/}	93	8	--	--	--	--	--
Amador	1,639	137	1,010	84	629	52	38.4%
Butte	2,554	213	1,343	112	1,211	101	47.4%
Calaveras	1,846	154	1,084	90	762	64	41.3%
Colusa	1,427	119	951	79	476	40	33.4%
Contra Costa	2,672	223	1,363	114	1,309	109	49.0%
Del Norte	2,023	169	1,135	95	888	74	43.9%
El Dorado	2,210	184	1,224	102	986	82	44.6%
Fresno	2,389	199	1,149	96	1,240	103	51.9%
Glenn	1,835	153	1,082	90	753	63	41.0%
Humboldt	2,416	201	1,312	109	1,104	92	45.7%
Imperial	2,393	199	1,242	104	1,151	96	48.1%
Inyo	984	82	709	59	275	23	27.9%
Kern	2,574	215	1,266	106	1,308	109	50.8%
Kings	2,466	206	1,304	109	1,162	97	47.1%
Lake	2,260	188	1,240	103	1,020	85	45.1%
Lassen	1,886	157	1,116	93	770	64	40.8%
Los Angeles	1,740	145	370	31	1,370	114	78.7%
Madera	2,482	207	1,318	110	1,164	97	46.9%
Marin	2,194	183	1,223	102	971	81	44.3%
Mariposa	1,367	114	895	75	472	39	34.5%
Mendocino	2,318	193	1,262	105	1,056	88	45.6%
Merced	2,394	200	1,224	102	1,170	98	48.9%
Modoc	1,196	100	818	68	378	32	31.6%
Mono	604	50	393	33	211	18	34.9%
Monterey	2,636	220	1,366	114	1,270	106	48.2%
Napa	2,070	173	1,193	99	877	73	42.4%
Nevada	2,066	172	1,178	98	888	74	43.0%
Orange	2,581	215	1,274	106	1,307	109	50.6%
Placer	2,346	196	1,258	105	1,088	91	46.4%
Plumas	1,337	111	949	79	388	32	29.0%
Riverside	2,677	223	1,274	106	1,403	117	52.4%
Sacramento	2,295	191	1,075	90	1,220	102	53.2%
San Benito	2,137	178	1,207	101	930	78	43.5%
San Bernardino	2,345	195	1,050	88	1,295	108	55.2%
San Diego	2,500	208	1,203	100	1,297	108	51.9%
San Francisco	2,704	225	1,410	118	1,294	108	47.9%
San Joaquin	2,491	208	1,240	103	1,251	104	50.2%
San Luis Obispo	2,457	205	1,323	110	1,134	95	46.2%
San Mateo	2,576	215	1,379	115	1,197	100	46.5%
Santa Barbara	2,559	213	1,336	111	1,223	102	47.8%
Santa Clara	2,515	210	1,261	105	1,254	105	49.9%
Santa Cruz	2,471	206	1,328	111	1,143	95	46.3%
Shasta	2,413	201	1,270	106	1,143	95	47.4%
Sierra ^{5/}	294	25	--	--	--	--	--
Siskiyou	2,137	178	1,193	99	944	79	44.2%
Solano	2,699	225	1,398	117	1,301	108	48.2%
Sonoma	2,558	213	1,355	113	1,203	100	47.0%
Stanislaus	2,408	201	1,218	102	1,190	99	49.4%
Sutter	2,279	190	1,230	103	1,049	87	46.0%
Tehama	2,231	186	1,219	102	1,012	84	45.4%
Trinity	1,263	105	827	69	436	36	34.5%
Tulare	2,476	206	1,238	103	1,238	103	50.0%
Tuolumne	2,041	170	1,175	98	866	72	42.4%
Ventura	2,599	217	1,343	112	1,256	105	48.3%
Yolo	2,383	199	1,267	106	1,116	93	46.8%
Yuba	2,318	193	1,246	104	1,072	89	46.2%

^{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

^{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 and Sierra counties are subject to 100% reporting.

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2011
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-61-10), dated July 23, 2010, 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