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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-49-11

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) 2012

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 FFY 2012.

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 Families and Two-Parent sampling methodology.

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 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 2012 sample sizes will be determined and included in the FFY 2012 data reporting instructions, which should be released in September 2011. (Please note, 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 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 2012. Completed Declaration/Waivers should be submitted to the FDRAB by September 9, 2011. Please submit to:

California Department of Social Services  
Federal Data Report and Analysis Bureau  
Attention: Geraldine Walker  
744 P Street, MS 9-12-57  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
FAX: (916) 657-1791  
Email: Geraldine.Walker@dss.ca.gov

Questions regarding this information should be directed to Geraldine Walker at (916) 653-1434.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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

Attachments

**ESTIMATED IMPACT OF REDUCED CoWPR SAMPLE PRECISION<sup>1/</sup>**  
**FFY 2012**

County	Sample Estimates (includes allowance for drop rates)						
	E2Lite Sample (based on original sample precision) (Option B) <sup>2/</sup>		Reduced E2Lite Sample (based on modified sample precision) (Option A) <sup>3/</sup>		Estimated Workload Relief <sup>4/</sup>		
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Percent
ALAMEDA	2,946	246	1,472	123	1,474	123	50.0%
Alpine <sup>5/</sup>	97	8	--	--	--	--	--
Amador	1,678	140	1,023	85	655	55	39.0%
Butte	2,568	214	1,355	113	1,213	101	47.2%
Calaveras	1,880	157	1,091	91	789	66	42.0%
Colusa <sup>6/</sup>	1,470	123	1,014	85	456	38	31.0%
CONTRA COSTA	2,666	222	1,363	114	1,303	109	48.9%
Del Norte	1,989	166	1,111	93	878	73	44.1%
El Dorado	2,224	185	1,223	102	1,001	83	45.0%
FRESNO	2,406	201	1,167	97	1,239	103	51.5%
Glenn	1,825	152	1,079	90	746	62	40.9%
Humboldt	2,406	201	1,305	109	1,101	92	45.8%
Imperial	2,423	202	1,261	105	1,162	97	48.0%
Inyo <sup>7/</sup>	1,073	89	732	61	341	28	31.8%
KERN	2,574	215	1,274	106	1,300	108	50.5%
Kings	2,452	204	1,296	108	1,156	96	47.1%
Lake	2,233	186	1,228	102	1,005	84	45.0%
Lassen	1,859	155	1,102	92	757	63	40.7%
LOS ANGELES	1,749	146	386	32	1,363	114	77.9%
Madera	2,494	208	1,323	110	1,171	98	47.0%
Marin	2,209	184	1,230	103	979	82	44.3%
Mariposa	1,385	115	900	75	485	40	35.0%
Mendocino	2,316	193	1,263	105	1,053	88	45.5%
MERCED	2,407	201	1,233	103	1,174	98	48.8%
Modoc <sup>7/</sup>	1,247	104	801	67	446	37	35.8%
Mono <sup>8/</sup>	527	44	--	--	--	--	--
MONTEREY	2,645	220	1,373	114	1,272	106	48.1%
Napa	2,164	180	1,233	103	931	78	43.0%
Nevada	2,040	170	1,158	97	882	74	43.2%
ORANGE	2,593	216	1,283	107	1,310	109	50.5%
Placer	2,352	196	1,264	105	1,088	91	46.3%
Plumas	1,320	110	888	74	432	36	32.7%
RIVERSIDE	2,649	221	1,264	105	1,385	115	52.3%
SACRAMENTO	2,327	194	1,102	92	1,225	102	52.6%
San Benito	2,128	177	1,198	100	930	78	43.7%
SAN BERNARDINO	2,345	195	1,061	88	1,284	107	54.8%
SAN DIEGO	2,457	205	1,181	98	1,276	106	51.9%
SAN FRANCISCO	2,698	225	1,409	117	1,289	107	47.8%
SAN JOAQUIN	2,502	209	1,248	104	1,254	105	50.1%
San Luis Obispo	2,455	205	1,319	110	1,136	95	46.3%
San Mateo	2,573	214	1,370	114	1,203	100	46.8%
Santa Barbara	2,558	213	1,338	112	1,220	102	47.7%
SANTA CLARA	2,547	212	1,282	107	1,265	105	49.7%
Santa Cruz	2,448	204	1,318	110	1,130	94	46.2%
Shasta	2,412	201	1,268	106	1,144	95	47.4%
Sierra <sup>8/</sup>	359	30	357	30	2	0	0.6%
Siskiyou	2,129	177	1,195	100	934	78	43.9%
SOLANO	2,671	223	1,384	115	1,287	107	48.2%
Sonoma	2,552	213	1,349	112	1,203	100	47.1%
STANISLAUS	2,398	200	1,213	101	1,185	99	49.4%
Sutter	2,289	191	1,240	103	1,049	87	45.8%
Tehama	2,248	187	1,226	102	1,022	85	45.5%
Trinity <sup>7/</sup>	1,295	108	807	67	488	41	37.7%
TULARE	2,482	207	1,246	104	1,236	103	49.8%
Tuolumne	2,059	172	1,181	98	878	73	42.6%
VENTURA	2,600	217	1,345	112	1,255	105	48.3%
Yolo	2,367	197	1,260	105	1,107	92	46.8%
Yuba	2,286	191	1,227	102	1,059	88	46.3%

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

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> Sample precision: 95% confidence level, +/- 2.1% for All Family, +/- 3.9% Two-Parent

<sup>3/</sup> Sample precision: 95% confidence level, +/- 3.0% for All Family, +/- 5.0% Two-Parent

<sup>4/</sup> Changes in sample precision will be effective upon receipt of CoWPR Precision Declaration/Waiver document.

<sup>5/</sup> Alpine and Mono counties are subject to 100% reporting, based on MEDS data.

<sup>6/</sup> Colusa county is subject to 100% reporting for Two-Parent sample only, based on MEDS data.

<sup>7/</sup> Inyo, Modoc, and Trinity counties are subject to 100% reporting for Two-Parent sample under Option B Waiver Option, based on MEDS data.

<sup>8/</sup> Sierra county is subject to 100% reporting for All Family sample only, based on MEDS data.

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2012  
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 FFY. Because of this possible effect, the county waives the right to challenge the precision of the resulting CoWPR 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.

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Pursuant to All County Information Notice (I-49-11), dated August 11, 2011, I, acting in my official capacity, elect on behalf of the county to exercise Option \_\_\_\_\_ in the determination of my county's WPR sample.

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Signature

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Title

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Date