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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: COUNTY SPECIFIC FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2007 WORK
PARTICIPATION RATES (WPRS)

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

The purpose of this All County Information Notice is to provide counties with the link (<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/research/PG280.htm>) to view FFY 2007 individual county work participation rates published on the California Department of Social Services website.

The WPR is the primary indicator used by the federal government to measure the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The WPR is calculated according to federal program definitions and requirements. There are differences in the manner in which the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program achieves its objectives and the manner in which the federal government measures achievement across all the states and territories. These differences provide for challenges in administration of the program—no single performance measure “tells the whole story.”

The link above navigates to “County TANF Annual Participation Rate” and provides an introduction that all viewers of county WPRs will see on the website prior to navigating to the page which displays actual WPRs. This introduction was developed in conjunction with the County Welfare Directors Association and provides background and context to understand the WPR and the relationship between work participation and the CalWORKs program.

If you have any questions or need further information regarding your county’s work participation rate, please contact the CDSS Federal Data Reporting and Analysis Bureau at (916) 515-3525. Questions regarding the CalWORKs program should be directed to the CDSS Employment Bureau at (916) 654-2137.

Sincerely,

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