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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-51-14

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) 2015**

This notice offers an option 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 2015.

The primary purpose of the E2Lite sample is to collect data from each county to calculate county-specific WPRs for purposes of federal data reporting. These data may also 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 WPRs 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.

In an effort to reduce administrative workload for counties, the California Department of Social Services again extends an option to the counties that would adjust the sample precision level to reduce sample sizes, and at the same time maintain the current All Families and Two-Parent sampling methodologies.

The E2Lite sample sizes will not be affected by the addition of the federal Work Incentive Nutritional Supplement (WINS) sampling. However, the FFY 2015 federal WINS sample is an additional workload, and may play a part in your county's waiver option decision.

For Option A, 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 for the smallest counties that will report their entire caseloads. The estimated reductions are included in the Estimated Impact of Reduced CoWPR Sample Precision chart (see Attachment I). Option B maintains the current sample precision levels of +/- 2.1 percent for All Families and +/- 3.9 percent for Two-Parent at a 95 percent confidence level.

Based on the county's selection of option A or B, the FFY 2015 sample sizes will be determined and distributed in late September 2014. Actual county sample sizes may differ slightly from those shown in Attachment I but the degree of the workload relief is not expected to change.

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 is irrevocable and will be effective for the entire FFY. Please note, the FDRAB will continue to refine the sampling methodology using the most current sample trends to better reflect county caseload variations.

Please complete the attached County Work Participation Rate Precision Declaration/Waiver for FFY 2015. Completed Declaration/Waivers must be submitted to the FDRAB by September 19, 2014. Failure to submit a completed Declaration/Waiver by the deadline will result in an "Option B" default sample precision level for the entire FFY. Please submit to:

California Department of Social Services
Federal Data Reporting and Analysis Bureau
Attention: Donald Hamilton
744 P Street, MS 9-13-57
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Email: Donald.Hamilton@dss.ca.gov

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If you have any questions regarding this ACIN, please direct them to Donald Hamilton at Donald.Hamilton@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original document signed by

M. AKHTAR KHAN, Chief
Research Services Branch

Attachments

c: CWDA

ESTIMATED IMPACT OF REDUCED CoWPR SAMPLE PRECISION ^{1/} FFY 2015							
County	Sample Estimates (includes allowance for drop rates)						
	E2Lite Sample (Based on original sample precision) (Option B) ^{2/}		Reduced E2Lite Sample (Based on modified sample precision) (Option A) ^{3/}		Estimated E2Lite Workload Relief ^{4/}		
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Percent
ALAMEDA	3,058	255	1,530	128	1,528	127	50.0%
Alpine ^{5/}	38	3	--	--	--	--	--
Amador	1,514	126	961	80	553	46	36.5%
Butte	2,413	201	1,275	106	1,138	95	47.2%
Calaveras	1,800	150	1,078	90	722	60	40.1%
Colusa ^{6/}	1,447	121	950	79	497	41	34.3%
CONTRA COSTA	2,918	243	1,490	124	1,428	119	48.9%
Del Norte	1,981	165	1,142	95	839	70	42.4%
El Dorado	2,206	184	1,239	103	967	81	43.8%
FRESNO	2,501	208	1,202	100	1,299	108	51.9%
Glenn	1,567	131	969	81	598	50	38.2%
Humboldt	2,376	198	1,301	108	1,075	90	45.2%
Imperial	2,367	197	1,240	103	1,127	94	47.6%
Inyo ^{5, 5/}	1,377	115	727	61	650	54	47.2%
KERN	2,526	211	1,248	104	1,278	107	50.6%
Kings	2,402	200	1,276	106	1,126	94	46.9%
Lake	2,029	169	1,138	95	891	74	43.9%
Lassen	1,704	142	1,030	86	674	56	39.6%
LOS ANGELES	1,648	137	272	23	1,376	115	83.5%
Madera	2,428	202	1,288	107	1,140	95	47.0%
Marin	2,125	177	1,203	100	922	77	43.4%
Mariposa	1,216	101	807	67	409	34	33.6%
Mendocino	2,255	188	1,246	104	1,009	84	44.7%
MERCED	2,393	199	1,227	102	1,166	97	48.7%
Modoc ^{6/}	923	77	628	52	295	25	32.0%
Mono ^{5/}	505	42	--	--	--	--	--
MONTEREY	2,782	232	1,442	120	1,340	112	48.2%
Napa	2,054	171	1,215	101	839	70	40.8%
Nevada	1,907	159	1,103	92	804	67	42.2%
ORANGE	2,601	217	1,283	107	1,318	110	50.7%
Placer	2,356	196	1,273	106	1,083	90	46.0%
Plumas	1,138	95	787	66	351	29	30.8%
RIVERSIDE	2,519	210	1,186	99	1,333	111	52.9%
SACRAMENTO	2,596	216	1,228	102	1,368	114	52.7%
San Benito	2,029	169	1,186	99	843	70	41.5%
SAN BERNARDINO	2,269	189	1,008	84	1,261	105	55.6%
SAN DIEGO	2,779	232	1,344	112	1,435	120	51.6%
SAN FRANCISCO	2,557	213	1,346	112	1,211	101	47.4%
SAN JOAQUIN	2,398	200	1,192	99	1,206	101	50.3%
San Luis Obispo	2,403	200	1,308	109	1,095	91	45.6%
San Mateo	2,459	205	1,323	110	1,136	95	46.2%
Santa Barbara	2,560	213	1,348	112	1,212	101	47.3%
SANTA CLARA	2,700	225	1,372	114	1,328	111	49.2%
Santa Cruz	2,315	193	1,261	105	1,054	88	45.5%
Shasta	2,270	189	1,199	100	1,071	89	47.2%
Sierra ^{5/}	256	21	--	--	--	--	--
Siskiyou	1,879	157	1,079	90	800	67	42.6%
SOLANO	2,719	227	1,408	117	1,311	109	48.2%
Sonoma	2,897	241	1,614	135	1,283	107	44.3%
STANISLAUS	2,482	207	1,253	104	1,229	102	49.5%
Sutter	2,235	186	1,221	102	1,014	85	45.4%
Tehama	2,108	176	1,166	97	942	79	44.7%
Trinity ^{6/}	1,006	84	684	57	322	27	32.0%
TULARE	2,415	201	1,208	101	1,207	101	50.0%
Tuolumne	1,933	161	1,132	94	801	67	41.4%
VENTURA	2,644	220	1,378	115	1,266	106	47.9%
Yolo	2,377	198	1,277	106	1,100	92	46.3%
Yuba	2,139	178	1,160	97	979	82	45.8%

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

^{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, +/- 2.1% for All Family, +/- 3.9% Two-Parent

^{3/} Sample precision: 95% confidence level, +/- 3.0% for All Family, +/- 5.0% Two-Parent

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

^{5/} Alpine, Inyo, Mono & Sierra are subject to 100% reporting under "Option B" waiver option; Alpine, Mono & Sierra are subject to 100% reporting under "Option A."

^{6/} Colusa, Modoc and Trinity are subject to 100% reporting for Two-Parent sample under "Option B." Inyo is subject to 100% reporting only for Two-Parent sample under "Option A."

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2015
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. Because of this possible effect, the county waives the right to challenge the precision of the resulting CoWPR based on the reduced sample size. Selection of this option is irrevocable.

OPTION B. ELECTION TO MAINTAIN CURRENT SAMPLE PRECISION LEVEL

The current sample precision is +/- 2.1 percent for All Families cases and +/- 3.9 percent for Two-Parent cases at a 95 percent confidence level.

Pursuant to All County Information Notice NO. I-51-14 dated August 29, 2014, 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