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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

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ENTERPRISE II LITE (E2Lite) CONTACTS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: ELECTION TO MODIFY COUNTY TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR
NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) WORK PARTICIPATION RATE (WPR) E2Lite
SAMPLE SIZE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2016

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 2016.

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 2016 federal WINS sample is an additional workload and may play a part in your county's waiver option decision.

Option 1 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. For Option 2, the proposed sample precisions are: +/- 3.0 percent for All Families and +/- 5.0 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).

Based on the county's selection of option 1 or 2, the FFY 2016 sample sizes will be determined and distributed in late September 2015. 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 (see 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 precision 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.

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

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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Attachments

c: CWDA

ESTIMATED IMPACT OF REDUCED CoWPR SAMPLE PRECISION^{1/}
FFY 2016

County	Sample Estimates (includes allowance for drop rates)						
	E2Lite Sample (based on original sample precision)		Reduced E2Lite Sample (based on modified sample precision)		Estimated E2Lite Workload Relief ^{4/}		
	(Option 1) ^{2/}		(Option 2) ^{3/}		Annual	Monthly	Percent
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Percent
ALAMEDA	3,126	261	1,574	131	1,552	129	49.6%
Alpine ^{5/}	29	2	--	--	--	--	--
Amador	1,790	149	1,100	92	690	58	38.5%
Butte	2,767	231	1,447	121	1,320	110	47.7%
Calaveras	1,885	157	1,103	92	782	65	41.5%
Colusa ^{5, 6/}	1,933	161	1,120	93	813	68	42.1%
CONTRA COSTA	2,905	242	1,484	124	1,421	118	48.9%
Del Norte	2,172	181	1,216	101	956	80	44.0%
El Dorado	2,451	204	1,354	113	1,097	91	44.8%
FRESNO	2,665	222	1,292	108	1,373	114	51.5%
Glenn	1,951	163	1,164	97	787	66	40.3%
Humboldt	2,573	214	1,386	116	1,187	99	46.1%
Imperial	2,595	216	1,338	112	1,257	105	48.4%
Inyo ^{5/}	928	77	--	--	--	--	--
KERN	2,640	220	1,301	108	1,339	112	50.7%
Kings	2,617	218	1,377	115	1,240	103	47.4%
Lake	2,348	196	1,284	107	1,064	89	45.3%
Lassen	1,955	163	1,161	97	794	66	40.6%
LOS ANGELES	1,907	159	449	37	1,458	122	76.5%
Madera	2,659	222	1,392	116	1,267	106	47.6%
Marin ^{6/}	2,596	216	1,380	115	1,216	101	46.8%
Mariposa ^{5/}	2,428	202	1,008	84	1,420	118	58.5%
Mendocino	2,427	202	1,322	110	1,105	92	45.5%
MERCED	2,676	223	1,360	113	1,316	110	49.2%
Modoc ^{5/}	1,424	119	855	71	569	47	40.0%
Mono ^{5/}	196	16	--	--	--	--	--
MONTEREY	3,079	257	1,605	134	1,474	123	47.9%
Napa ^{6/}	2,543	212	1,411	118	1,132	94	44.5%
Nevada	2,251	188	1,282	107	969	81	43.0%
ORANGE	2,855	238	1,410	118	1,445	120	50.6%
Placer	2,675	223	1,439	120	1,236	103	46.2%
Plumas ^{5/}	1,993	166	990	83	1,003	84	50.3%
RIVERSIDE	2,736	228	1,304	109	1,432	119	52.3%
SACRAMENTO	2,584	215	1,231	103	1,353	113	52.4%
San Benito	2,191	183	1,266	106	925	77	42.2%
SAN BERNARDINO	2,543	212	1,140	95	1,403	117	55.2%
SAN DIEGO	3,128	261	1,522	127	1,606	134	51.3%
SAN FRANCISCO	2,849	237	1,492	124	1,357	113	47.6%
SAN JOAQUIN	2,763	230	1,374	115	1,389	116	50.3%
San Luis Obispo	2,644	220	1,426	119	1,218	102	46.1%
San Mateo	2,741	228	1,469	122	1,272	106	46.4%
Santa Barbara	2,851	238	1,491	124	1,360	113	47.7%
SANTA CLARA	2,850	238	1,458	122	1,392	116	48.8%
Santa Cruz	2,556	213	1,380	115	1,176	98	46.0%
Shasta	2,595	216	1,360	113	1,235	103	47.6%
Sierra ^{5/}	227	19	--	--	--	--	--
Siskiyou	2,103	175	1,183	99	920	77	43.7%
SOLANO	2,953	246	1,525	127	1,428	119	48.4%
Sonoma	3,301	275	1,811	151	1,490	124	45.1%
STANISLAUS	2,695	225	1,358	113	1,337	111	49.6%
Sutter	2,347	196	1,263	105	1,084	90	46.2%
Tehama	2,420	202	1,316	110	1,104	92	45.6%
Trinity ^{5, 6/}	1,239	103	829	69	410	34	33.1%
TULARE	2,617	218	1,314	110	1,303	109	49.8%
Tuolumne	2,161	180	1,236	103	925	77	42.8%
VENTURA	2,878	240	1,492	124	1,386	116	48.2%
Yolo	2,538	212	1,354	113	1,184	99	46.7%
Yuba	2,446	204	1,309	109	1,137	95	46.5%

Note: Counties in uppercase are the 18 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, Colusa, Inyo, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Sierra & Trinity are subject to 100% reporting under "Option 1" waiver option; Alpine, Inyo, Mono & Sierra are subject to 100% reporting under "Option 2."

^{6/} Marin & Napa are subject to 100% reporting for Two-Parent sample under "Option 1." Colusa & Trinity are subject to 100% reporting only for Two-Parent sample under "Option 2."

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2016
COUNTY WORK PARTICIPATION RATE (WPR) SAMPLE SIZE ELECTION

County

Place an X in the square below the option selected.

OPTION 1. LARGER SAMPLE SIZE WITH HIGHER PRECISION LEVEL

Option 1 sample precision is +/- 2.1 percent for All Families cases and +/- 3.9 percent for Two-Parent cases at a 95 percent confidence level.



OPTION 2. SMALLER SAMPLE SIZE WITH LOWER PRECISION LEVEL

Option 2 adjusts the CoWPR sample precision range to +/- 3.0 percent for All Families cases and +/- 5.0 percent for Two-Parent cases with a 95 percent confidence level. This adjustment will likely result in lower County WPR precision and sample sizes established by the Federal Data Reporting and Analysis Bureau. 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 is irrevocable.



Authorized Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date