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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-44-12

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) 2013

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 2013.

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 for the smallest 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 2013 sample sizes will be determined and included in the FFY 2013 data reporting instructions, which should be released in September 2012. Please note, the 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 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.

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 2013. Completed Declaration/Waivers must be submitted to the FDRAB by September 21, 2012. 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 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

If you have any questions regarding this ACIN, please direct them to the County Consultant, Ms. Geraldine Walker at geraldine.walker@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

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Attachments

ESTIMATED IMPACT OF REDUCED CoWPR SAMPLE PRECISION^{1/}
FFY 2013

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 Workload Relief ^{4/}		
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Percent
ALAMEDA	3,049	254	1,523	127	1,526	127	50.0%
Alpine ^{5/}	78	7	--	--	--	--	--
Amador	1,710	143	1,036	86	674	56	39.4%
Butte	2,492	208	1,310	109	1,182	99	47.4%
Calaveras	1,867	156	1,078	90	789	66	42.3%
Colusa ^{6/}	1,396	116	957	80	439	37	31.4%
CONTRA COSTA	2,629	219	1,344	112	1,285	107	48.9%
Del Norte	1,997	166	1,120	93	877	73	43.9%
El Dorado	2,205	184	1,211	101	994	83	45.1%
FRESNO	2,370	198	1,147	96	1,223	102	51.6%
Glenn	1,784	149	1,062	89	722	60	40.5%
Humboldt	2,350	196	1,269	106	1,081	90	46.0%
Imperial	2,413	201	1,256	105	1,157	96	47.9%
Inyo ^{7/}	1,139	95	763	64	376	31	33.0%
KERN	2,547	212	1,260	105	1,287	107	50.5%
Kings	2,435	203	1,286	107	1,149	96	47.2%
Lake	2,196	183	1,203	100	993	83	45.2%
Lassen	1,800	150	1,061	88	739	62	41.1%
LOS ANGELES	1,730	144	366	31	1,364	114	78.8%
Madera	2,473	206	1,306	109	1,167	97	47.2%
Marin	2,190	183	1,215	101	975	81	44.5%
Mariposa	1,423	119	905	75	518	43	36.4%
Mendocino	2,311	193	1,258	105	1,053	88	45.6%
MERCED	2,373	198	1,215	101	1,158	97	48.8%
Modoc ^{6/}	1,147	96	841	70	306	26	26.7%
Mono ^{8/}	569	47	381	32	188	16	33.0%
MONTEREY	2,618	218	1,354	113	1,264	105	48.3%
Napa	2,355	196	1,240	103	1,115	93	47.3%
Nevada	2,014	168	1,144	95	870	73	43.2%
ORANGE	2,576	215	1,274	106	1,302	109	50.5%
Placer	2,389	199	1,276	106	1,113	93	46.6%
Plumas	1,326	111	878	73	448	37	33.8%
RIVERSIDE	2,539	212	1,204	100	1,335	111	52.6%
SACRAMENTO	2,325	194	1,101	92	1,224	102	52.6%
San Benito	2,074	173	1,166	97	908	76	43.8%
SAN BERNARDINO	2,303	192	1,033	86	1,270	106	55.1%
SAN DIEGO	2,427	202	1,166	97	1,261	105	52.0%
SAN FRANCISCO	2,681	223	1,401	117	1,280	107	47.7%
SAN JOAQUIN	2,464	205	1,226	102	1,238	103	50.2%
San Luis Obispo	2,428	202	1,306	109	1,122	94	46.2%
San Mateo	2,551	213	1,353	113	1,198	100	47.0%
Santa Barbara	2,537	211	1,328	111	1,209	101	47.7%
SANTA CLARA	2,546	212	1,287	107	1,259	105	49.5%
Santa Cruz	2,417	201	1,301	108	1,116	93	46.2%
Shasta	2,356	196	1,235	103	1,121	93	47.6%
Sierra ^{5/}	409	34	--	--	--	--	--
Siskiyou	2,067	172	1,161	97	906	76	43.8%
SOLANO	2,603	217	1,350	113	1,253	104	48.1%
Sonoma	2,535	211	1,341	112	1,194	100	47.1%
STANISLAUS	2,356	196	1,186	99	1,170	98	49.7%
Sutter	2,249	187	1,217	101	1,032	86	45.9%
Tehama	2,214	185	1,205	100	1,009	84	45.6%
Trinity ^{6/}	1,179	98	843	70	336	28	28.5%
TULARE	2,447	204	1,225	102	1,222	102	49.9%
Tuolumne	2,063	172	1,181	98	882	74	42.8%
VENTURA	2,580	215	1,334	111	1,246	104	48.3%
Yolo	2,294	191	1,221	102	1,073	89	46.8%
Yuba	2,234	186	1,197	100	1,037	86	46.4%

Note: Counties in uppercase are the 19 largest 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 and Sierra County are subject to 100% reporting, based on MEDS data.

^{6/} Colusa, Modoc, and Trinity County are subject to 100% reporting for Two-Parent sample only, based on MEDS data.

^{7/} Inyo County is subject to 100% reporting for Two-Parent sample under Option B Waiver Option, based on MEDS data.

^{8/} Mono County is subject to 100% reporting except for Non-Two-Parent sample under Option A Waiver Option, based on MEDS data.

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2013
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.

Pursuant to All County Information Notice (I-44-12), dated September 7, 2012, 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