

## DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-134

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS

SUBJECT: REVISED FORMS WR 2 AND WR 3 - ETHNIC ORIGIN AND PRIMARY LANGUAGE DATA

REFERENCE:

As part of the recent revisions to Form WR 2, "Statement of Facts Supporting Eligibility for Assistance," and Form WR 3, "Eligibility Determination Summary--AFDC," (see All-County Letter No. 75-112) space has been provided for the recording of ethnic and language data. The recording of ethnic-language information will facilitate the collection of such data for use in the preparation of the currently required semi-annual recipient report on ethnic origin and primary language (Report Form ABCD 350 - see All-County Letter No. 75-90).

The applicable data boxes are located in the "For County Use Only" portion of page 1 of Form WR 2 and at the top of page 1 of Form WR 3. The ethnic origin and primary language with their identifying codes and item numbers are as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Ethnic Origin (E.O.)</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Primary Language (P.L.)</u>
1	White	1	Spanish
2	Spanish Surnamed American	2	Chinese
3	Black	3	Japanese
4	Asian American	4	Korean
5	American Indian	5	Filipino
6	Other Non-White	6	Other Non-English
7	Filipino		

Primary language (P.L.) applies only to those applicants/recipients whose primary language spoken is a non-English language and which the applicant speaks most fluently and must use to communicate with the eligibility worker either directly or through an interpreter.

Ethnic origin and primary language may be determined by asking the applicant or recipient. If the applicant or recipient does not provide the information, it is

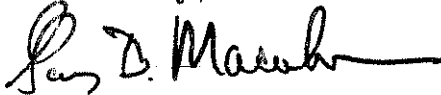
the responsibility of the welfare department to make a determination based on observation and to record the necessary data.

Both the reporting requirements and the methods of collecting ethnic and language data have been reviewed for legality, and we have been advised that collection of such data on persons receiving welfare services and on welfare applicants is allowable and required by federal law. It is therefore, legally permissible to ask welfare applicants/recipients to voluntarily provide ethnic and primary language data about themselves.

The current Form WR 2 contains a space for reporting ethnic origin designated EO which is located in the "For County Use Only" section at the bottom of page one of the form. Until a supply of the revised WR 2 forms are available, the appropriate ethnic origin code should be indicated in the space provided. The applicant's primary language spoken, after having been determined, should be noted in the "For County Use Only" section using the applicable primary language item number, e.g., P.L. 5, to indicate the primary language is Filipino.

The ethnic origin identifying codes and primary language item numbers shown on the revised Forms WR 2 and WR 3 are the same as those used for the Form ABCD 350 report.

Sincerely,



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cc: CWDA