

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES

Opportunity to Comment on Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Caseload Reduction Report

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is required by federal law to submit a Caseload Reduction Report (Form ACF-202) to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) if California requests a caseload reduction credit for its Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) work participation rate requirement.

Section 407(b)(3) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) allows a reduction of the state's required participation rate for a fiscal year. The FFY 2017 reduction credit is calculated by comparing the average monthly number of families that received assistance in the state in FFY 2005 (base year) to the average monthly number of families receiving assistance in the state in FFY 2016 (comparison year). The statute prohibits the caseload reduction credit from including any caseload declines due to requirements of federal law or due to differences in state eligibility criteria.

To receive a caseload reduction credit, the state must complete Form ACF-202 in accordance with the regulations in 45 CFR 261.40 et seq., Section 407 (b)(3) of the Social Security Act and the DRA. The FFY 2016 report provides the information needed to calculate a caseload reduction credit and determine the participation standard the state must meet for the fiscal year.

The CDSS has elected not to submit a Form ACF-202 based on FFY 2016 data because preliminary analysis indicates that no credit would be applied to California's work participation rate requirement for FFY 2017.

Comments relating to non submission of California's Caseload Reduction Report to the ACF may be sent in writing to the address or email listed below.

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