

## FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

All information in the Initial Statement of Reasons is still current. Several reference citations were amended to be consistent with current law. Additionally, the proposed regulations repeat and rephrase Welfare & Institutions Code section 11052.5. This duplication is necessary to provide clarity of the CalWORKs interview requirements.

a) Local Mandate Statement

These regulations do not impose a mandate upon local agencies or on school districts. There are no state-mandated local costs in this order that require reimbursement under the laws of California.

b) Statement of Alternatives Considered

In developing the regulatory action, CDSS did not consider alternatives because the Department is legally bound to implement the WIC section 11052.5, as required by SB 947 (Chapter 798, Statutes of 2016).

The CDSS determined that no reasonable alternative considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CDSS would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

c) Statement of Significant Adverse Economic Impact on Business

The CDSS determined that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This determination was made because the proposed regulations only added a county option to conduct the CalWORKs application interview via telephone or other electronic means, which only affects individuals applying for the CalWORKs program.

d) Testimony and Response

These regulations were considered as Item #1 at the public hearing held on November 12, 2019, in Sacramento, California. No written or oral testimonies were received during the public comment period.