NEW RULES FOR CalWORKs WELFARE-TO-WORK PROGRAM

Starting January 1, 2013, there are new rules that give Welfare-to-Work (WTW) participants more flexible WTW activity options and require fewer participation hours for single-adult families.

Summary of New WTW Rules

- ❖ WTW 24-Month Time Clock: WTW participants will be limited to 24 months of CalWORKs/WTW services and activities if not meeting Federal participation requirements in month 25 of WTW participation. In month 25 participants will be required to meet core/non-core Federal participation requirements in order to continue to receive CalWORKs and WTW supportive services.
- ❖ Re-engagement: WTW adults currently receiving an ABX 4 "Short Term Young Child Exemption" will lose this exemption status on 12-31-12 and be required to re-engage in CalWORKs WTW services and activities if no other exemptions exist as of 1-1-2013. Counties will have 2 years (until 1-2015) to re-engage this population of participants unless otherwise exempt.
- ❖ New Young Child Exemption: A new voluntary one-time WTW exemption will be implemented for parents that have primary responsibility of caring for a child between the ages of o-23 months. This is a once-in-a-life-time exemption and is at the discretion of the participant. Also, only one parent can be granted this exemption and applies to the household.
- Hours of Participation: CalWORKs (State) hours of work participation have been aligned with Federal participation requirements. For some families, there are fewer required hours of participation.

Number of Work Eligible Adults in the Family Assistance Unit (AU)	Current Weekly Hours of Participation (through 12/31/12)	New Weekly Hours of Participation (effective 1/1/13)
Single-adult with a child under 6 years old	32	20
Single-adult with no children under 6 years old	32	30
Two-parent families	35	35