

# RAND Data Request Project with CalWIN, C-IV, and Leader

This document has been prepared on behalf of CalWIN, C-IV, and Leader for the RAND firm based on the request for data on 12/8/11.

California is one of 10 States selected to participate in a research project targeted at developing methodologies for calculation of the Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) for the "newly eligible" population of Medicaid enrollees as required by the Affordable Care Act. The project will also include efforts to identify strategies for conversion to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) when the Affordable Care Act eligibility changes take effect on January 1, 2014. The other participating States are: Arizona, Indiana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.

RAND is leading the study in collaboration with the State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) and the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE). Together with the States, the team will be evaluating and refining the three methodologies proposed by CMS (sampling, threshold and federal data) to make the MAGI approximations and to distinguish "newly eligible" from currently eligible individuals for the purposes of FMAP claiming. The purpose of the project is to develop these methodologies, assess their feasibility and create technical assistance materials that will be made available for the benefit all States. In order to begin the data analysis, all pilot States were requested to provide a data file with certain eligibility information. The data elements provided by California were as follows:

## **Data List:**

The following is the list in which all three consortia agreed to and provided to RAND. The date range of the data we sent was July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

- Total Gross Earned Income
- Total Gross Unearned Income
- Total Combined Income Deduction Amount (Deductions will now have their own columns)
- Earned Income Deductions
- Disability Deductions
- Unearned Income Deductions
- Standard Deductions
- Net Earned Income
- Net Unearned Income
- Family Size
- Total Property Amount
- Role/Member/Participation Status
- Approval Disposition (Program Status)
- Aid-Codes  
(California will use their current Aid codes to identify eligibility group and individual eligibility)
- Aided Through Secondary Aid Code (Y or N)
- Application Date
- Age
- SDX-Sex Code (MEDS uses 1, 2, 11, or 12 etc)
- Pregnant

- Disabled
- CIN# (based on call 1/25/12)
- Case #
- Reporting Month
- Race/Ethnicity (All consortia agreed to Define Race/Ethnicity at project level)
- Number of Dependent Children (Number of children in Budget that is being reported)