

The Honorable Mark Jansen, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on FIA
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Representative Jansen:

In accordance with the boilerplate of P.A. 294 of 2000, section 661, I am submitting the following information related to the transitional work support.

The Family Independence Agency, in collaboration with the Department of Community Health, established a transitional medical support program. The program was designed for those families who do not qualify for the Medicaid transitional program because they became self-sufficient in one or two months. The Medicaid transitional program requires that a family be needy for at least three of the last six months.

FIA supported the creation of a state-funded transitional medical assistance program because studies by various entities cited health care coverage as a major reason for staying on public assistance. The program was implemented in October 2000.

The expenditures for the state-funded Michigan Transitional Medical Assistance program totaled \$3,210,097 for FY 2001. The cost per individual per month averaged \$88.66. The total unduplicated recipient count for FY 2001 was 6,941.

The number participating has continued to grow. The total number of participants through September 30, 2001 was 7,100 and 8,679 individuals through November 30, 2001. Based on current program enrollment trends, FIA/DCH will fully utilize the FY 2002 appropriation of \$15,000,000.

If you have any further questions, please contact William Kordenbrock at (517)335-3482.

Sincerely,

Douglas E. Howard

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