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The Honorable Peter MacGregor, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Earl Poleski, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator MacGregor and Representative Poleski:

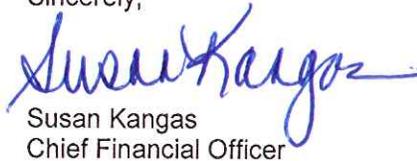
Section 677(3) of 2014 Public Act No. 252 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to report the following information on a quarterly basis:

- 1) *The number and percentage of nonexempt family independence program recipients who are employed.*
- 2) *The average and range of wages of employed family independence program recipients.*
- 3) *When data become available, the number and percentage of employed family independence program recipients who remain employed for 6 months or more.*

The metrics for the three requirements of this report are listed on page two. Please note that the data is not currently available for requirement three but is scheduled to be available for the 3rd quarter report of Fiscal Year 2015.

If you have questions regarding this, please contact Terrence M. Beurer, Director, Field Operations Administration, at (517) 373-3570.

Sincerely,


Susan Kangas
Chief Financial Officer

CC: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DHS
Senate and House Fiscal Agencies
Senate and House Policy Offices
State Budget Director

Section 677(3) of 2014 Public Act No. 252 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to report the following information on a quarterly basis:

- 1) The number of nonexempt Family Independence Program (FIP) recipients who were employed during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2015 (**October 1, 2014 – November 30, 2014**) was 8,647.
Source: The Welfare Reform monthly report as of January 9, 2015.

The percentage of nonexempt Family Independence Program (FIP) recipients who were employed during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2015 (**October 1 – November 30, 2014**) was 53%.
Source: The Welfare Reform monthly report as of January 9, 2015.

Please note: December 2014 data will not be available until mid-February 2015. The Welfare Reform monthly report which includes information related to the Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope. (PATH) program is published by the Workforce Development Agency (WDA). This report is released approximately 45 days after the end of monthly reporting period and is provided to DHS when published.

- 2) Average and range of wages of employed family independence program recipients for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2015 (**October 1, 2014 – November 30, 2014**) was \$8.91 per hour (average) and wages ranged from \$5.15 to \$50.00* per hour.
Source: The Welfare Reform monthly report as of January 9, 2015.

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- 3) The data for the number and percentage of employed family independence program recipients who remain employed for 6 months or more should be available for the 3rd quarter report of Fiscal Year 2015.

*As this income was reported in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2015, it is included in the report of average and range of wages of employed family independence program recipients for the quarter. This income was from temporary employment (approximately 8 hours per week for four weeks) and it was budgeted correctly against the individual's benefits when it was received. The short-term employment ended before the case could be closed due to excess income.