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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 Health and Human Services (DHHS) 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,

Mandi Coney for Susan Kangas
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 Health and Human Services (DHHS) to report the following information on a quarterly basis:

- 1) The number of nonexempt family independence program recipients who were employed during the period **December 1, 2014 – February 28, 2015** was **9,234**.
Source: The Welfare Reform monthly report as of April 9, 2015.

The percentage of nonexempt family independence program recipients who were employed during the period **December 1, 2014 – February 28, 2015** was **52.03%**.
Source: The Welfare Reform monthly report as of April 9, 2015.

Please note: March 2015 data will not be available until mid-May 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 the monthly reporting period and is provided to DHHS when published.

- 2) Average and range of wages of employed family independence program recipients for the period **December 1, 2014 – February 28, 2015** was \$8.99 per hour (average) and wages ranged from \$5.15 to \$49.80* per hour.
Source: The Welfare Reform monthly report as of April 9, 2015.

Please note: March 2015 data will not be available until mid-May 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 the monthly reporting period and is provided to DHHS when published.

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

*As this income was reported during the reporting period, it is included in the report of average and range of wages of employed family independence program recipients for the quarter. This income was budgeted correctly against the individual's benefits when it was received. In some cases, the reported income caused excess income when budgeted and the family independence program case closed due to the income. In other cases, the income was from short-term employment which ended before the income could be budgeted to affect the individual's benefits.