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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 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) 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 2. Please note that the data is not currently available for requirement three but is anticipated during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nick Lyon".

Nick Lyon

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 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to report the following information on a quarterly basis:**

- 1) The number of nonexempt family independence program recipients who were employed during the period **March 1, 2015 – May 31, 2015** was **14,978**.  
Source: The Welfare Reform monthly report as of July 6, 2015.

The percentage of nonexempt family independence program recipients who were employed during the period **March 1, 2015 – May 31, 2015** was **54%**.  
**Source:** The Welfare Reform monthly report as of July 6, 2015.

**Please note:** June 2015 data will not be available until mid-August 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 MDHHS when published.

- 2) Average and range of wages of employed family independence program recipients for the period **March 1, 2015 – May 31, 2015** was \$8.99 per hour (average) and wages ranged from \$5.15 to \$49.36\* per hour.  
**Source:** The Welfare Reform monthly report as of July 6, 2015.

**Please note:** June 2015 data will not be available until mid-August 2015.  
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- 3) The data for the number and percentage of employed family independence program recipients who remained employed for six months or more is not yet available. It is anticipated to be available during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year.

\*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.