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Title: PARTNERSHIP.ACCOUNTABILITY.TRAINING.HOPE (PATH)

Purpose: The PATH program established on January 1, 2013, is the work participation program required for families receiving cash assistance through the federal Family Independence Program (FIP) administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Description: PATH is a partnership between the Talent Investment Agency/Workforce Development (TIA/WD), the MDHHS, and the Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs). Sixteen MWAs operate PATH programs throughout the state. The PATH program features a 21-day application eligibility period (AEP) during which MWAs assess, evaluate and more effectively prepare applicants to attain employment, meet federal work participation requirements, and work towards self-sufficiency.

The primary goals of PATH are two-fold. First, PATH identifies barriers and helps participants connect to the resources they need to obtain employment. Second, the program helps Michigan reach the federally mandated 50% work participation rate. Work participation is defined by the number of participants that secure employment or are engaged in job preparedness and search activities.

Eligibility: Individuals receiving FIP cash assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, [TANF]).

Procedure: The TIA/WD distributes federal TANF funds to the 16 local MWAs for the operation of the PATH program. Funds are allocated on an annual basis starting in October of each year. The TIA/WD and the MDHHS provide oversight and guidance for the operation of the program.

Contact: Michigan Works! at 1-800-285-WORKS (9675) or the local MWA.

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