

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion _____ **December 12, 2011**

State: _____ **Iowa** _____

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: **2012** _____

Overall Report _____
Two-parent Report _____ (check one)

Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate? _____ yes
_____ no

PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005 (Complete this section for EACH change)

1. **Name of eligibility change:** Increase in income disregard
2. **Implementation date of eligibility change:** August 2007
3. **Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:**

Prior to August 2007, FIP cases with earned income received an initial 20% deduction for the earnings followed by a 50% disregard. The remaining net income was then applied against the standard FIP grant for the household. Beginning in August 2007 the disregard was increased to 58%. This change resulted in an increase in FIP grant levels for these cases due to the reduction of the net income applied to the grant. Also, it resulted in an increase in FIP caseload levels since some families which were previously ineligible for assistance now become eligible with a greater percentage of their earnings not applied against their FIP grant.

4. **Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:**
For budget purposes it is estimated that 157 additional cases per month are on FIP due to this change and these cases remain on assistance for an average of 6 months due to their relatively high income level which could disqualify them when their next scheduled report is due.

	Impact on Each Month in FY 2011												Grand Total	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
Time of Closure														
Prior years carryover	785	628	471	314	157									
Oct	157	157	157	157	157	157								
Nov		157	157	157	157	157	157							
Dec			157	157	157	157	157	157						
Jan				157	157	157	157	157	157					
Feb					157	157	157	157	157	157				
Mar						157	157	157	157	157	157			
Apr							157	157	157	157	157	157		
May								157	157	157	157	157	157	
Jun									157	157	157	157	157	
Jul										157	157	157	157	
Aug											157	157	157	
Sep													157	
Total	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	11,304
														FY 2011 monthly average 942

The 157 case per month figure was based upon the number of prior cases closed/denied for earnings. These figures are estimated since no prior history exists in most cases to use for earnings comparisons for new families.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 942 (increase)

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1. **Name of eligibility change:** From monthly to quarterly reporting and then to 6-month reporting
2. **Implementation date of eligibility change:** March 2007 (quarterly); February, 2009 (6-month)
3. **Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:**

Prior to March 2007 many FIP cases were required to report on a monthly basis on their circumstances (particularly those with income). Beginning in March 2007 these cases went to a quarterly basis for reporting. Then, beginning in January 2009 for the benefit month of February 2009 these cases went to 6-month reporting.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:

An 18-month period was examined (01/2006-06/2007) for the number of cases closed for failure to return a report form. Prior to 03/2007 the average was 322 cases/mo. Following 03/2007 the average went down to 196 cases/mo. Therefore, the estimate of impact for this policy change upon increased monthly FIP caseload will be 126 cases/mo. The change from monthly reporting to quarterly affected cases differently. In some situations this delayed the next review for 2 months, others had a one-month delay and still others would have had their next review at the same time. Therefore, on average it is believed that the impact of this policy change will result in more cases remaining on assistance for a period of one additional month on average since it is believed that an equal proportion of cases would have had their next review 0, 1 or 2 months later. Beginning in 02/2009 one month's eligibility was added to reflect 6-mo reviews.

	Impact on Each Month in FY 2011												Grand Total	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
Time of Closure														
Prior years carryover	126													
Oct	126	126												
Nov		126												
Dec			126											
Jan				126										
Feb					126									
Mar						126								
Apr							126							
May								126						
Jun									126					
Jul										126				
Aug											126			
Sep												126		
Total	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	3,024	
													FY 2011 monthly average	252

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 252 (increase)

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1. **Name of eligibility change:** End of suspension of cases going over income due to 3rd/5th check in month.
2. **Implementation date of eligibility change:** February 2007
3. **Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:**

Prior to February 2007 FIP cases which received either a third or fifth check for earned income in a given month were suspended from eligibility for a period of one month if their earnings disqualified them from eligibility since it was expected that they would return to eligibility the following month when they returned to a regular 2 –check or 4-check month. Beginning in February 2007 this provision was eliminated and the income in these months is now prorated for only the regularly anticipated 2 or 4 checks.

4. **Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:**
An 18-month period of time was examined (01/2006 – 06/2007) to determine the average number of FIP cases suspended per month in the months before the 2/07 change. Since that figure was 69, it is believed that the number of cases remaining on FIP due to the elimination of this policy is estimated at 69 cases/mo. Since the suspension always lasted for one month, the 69 cases/mo. will only be projected for one month:

		Impact on Each Month in FY 2011													
		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
Time of Closure															
Prior years carryover															
Oct		69													
Nov		69													
Dec		69													
Jan		69													
Feb		69													
Mar		69													
Apr		69													
May		69													
Jun		69													
Jul		69													
Aug		69													
Sep														69	Grand Total
Total		69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	828
														FY 2011 monthly average	69

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 69 (increase)

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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.)

Impact of All Changes		Caseload Reduction Calculation		
Increase in income disregard	942	FY 2005 TANF Caseload	19,487	
Six-month reporting	252	FY 2005 SSP Caseload	0	
Elimination of suspension	69	Total FY 2005 Caseload	19,487	
		FY 2011 TANF Caseload	17,518	
		FY 2011 SSP Caseload	0	
		Total FY 2011 Caseload	17,518	
		Excess MOE Cases in FY 2011	1,201	
		Adjusted FY 2011 Caseload	16,317	
		Caseload Decline	3,170	16.3%
		Decline – Net Impact	4,433	
		Caseload Reduction Credit =		16.3%
Net Impact	1,263			

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PART 3 -- Certification

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.

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