

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 11 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. The 2-parent percentage of all FIP cases for FFY 2011 (4.80%) was applied to the all-family figures (157/mo.) to obtain these:

The 8 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.

	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	40	32	24	16	8								
Oct	8	8	8	8	8	8							
Nov		8	8	8	8	8	8						
Dec			8	8	8	8	8	8					
Jan				8	8	8	8	8	8				
Feb					8	8	8	8	8	8			
Mar						8	8	8	8	8	8		
Apr							8	8	8	8	8	8	
May								8	8	8	8	8	8
Jun									8	8	8	8	8
Jul										8	8	8	8
Aug											8	8	8
Sep												8	8
Total	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48
													576
													48

5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year:** 48 (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 36 cases/mo (for cases staying off for at least one month). Following 03/2007 the average went down to 13 cases/mo. Therefore, the estimate of impact for this policy change upon increased monthly FIP caseload will be 23 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	23													
Oct	23	23												
Nov		23	23											
Dec			23	23										
Jan				23	23									
Feb					23	23								
Mar						23	23							
Apr							23	23						
May								23	23					
Jun									23	23				
Jul										23	23			
Aug											23	23		
Sep													23	
Total	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	552
														FY 2011 monthly average
														46

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 46 (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 11, it is believed that the number of cases remaining on FIP due to the elimination of this policy is estimated at 11 cases/mo. Since the suspension always lasted for one month, the 11 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	11														
Nov		11													
Dec			11												
Jan				11											
Feb					11										
Mar						11									
Apr							11								
May								11							
Jun									11						
Jul										11					
Aug											11				
Sep												11			
Total	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
															FY 2011 monthly average
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5. **Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year:** 11(increase)

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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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