# FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

**Date of Completion 12/10/2014**

**State: Iowa** **Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2015**

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| Overall Report ___<br>Two-parent Report _X_ (check one) | Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate? ____ yes __X_ 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 (attach supporting materials to this form):

   For budget purposes it is estimated that 54 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 2014 (5.65) was applied to the all-family figures (157/mo.) to obtain a 2-parent impact of 9/mo.:

   The 9 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 2014 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | |
| **Time of Closure** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prior years carryover | 45 | 36 | 27 | 18 | 9 | | | | | | | | |
| Oct | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | | | | | | | |
| Nov | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | | | | | | |
| Dec | | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | | | | | |
| Jan | | | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | | | | |
| Feb | | | | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | | | |
| Mar | | | | | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | | |
| Apr | | | | | | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | |
| May | | | | | | | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | |
| Jun | | | | | | | | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | |
| Jul | | | | | | | | | | 9 | 9 | 9 | |
| Aug | | | | | | | | | | | 9 | 9 | |
| Sep | | | | | | | | | | | | 9 | Grand Total |
| Total | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 648 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | FY 2014 monthly average | 54 |

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 54 (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 cases were required to report on their circumstances on a monthly basis. Beginning in March 2007, these cases went to reporting on a quarterly basis. 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: (attach supporting materials to this form)

   An 18-month period was examined (January 2006 – June 2007) for the number of cases closed for failure to return a report form. Prior to March 2007, the average was 36 cases/mo. Following March 2007, the average went down to 13 cases/mo. Therefore, the estimated impact of this policy change upon the monthly caseload is an increase of 23 cases/mo. The change from monthly reporting to quarterly reporting affected cases differently. In some situations this delayed the next review for two months, others had a one-month delay and still others would have had their next review at the same time. Therefore, it is believed that this policy change results 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 February 2009, one month's eligibility was added to reflect 6-mo reviews.

| | Impact on Each Month in FY 2014 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 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 | Grand Total |
| Total | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 552 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | FY 2014 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: (attach supporting materials to this form)

   An 18-month period of time was examined (January 2006 – June 2007) to determine the average number of FIP cases suspended per month in the months before the February 2007 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. is only be projected for one month:

| | Impact on Each Month in FY 2014 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 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 | Grand Total |
| Total | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 132 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | FY 2014 monthly average | | 11 |

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 11 (increase)

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1. Name of eligibility change: Calculation of net self-employment income

2. Implementation date of eligibility change: August 2012

3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:

   Prior to August 2012, FIP cases with self-employment income had to provide verification of actual allowable expenses to receive a deduction for that expense. Beginning with August 2012, FIP applicant and participant households with self-employment income have the choice between receiving a standard deduction of 40% from their gross self-employment income or having their actual allowable and verified self-employment expenses deducted from their gross self-employment income. This change results in an increase in FIP caseload levels since it allows some households which were previously ineligible to become eligible for benefits since they can now choose the method more beneficial to them.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form)

   For budget purposes, it is estimated that 5 additional cases per month overall are eligible for FIP which would otherwise not have been eligible and these cases remain on assistance for an average of 12 months. It is anticipated that 2-parent cases will increase proportionate to their representation in the overall caseload. Since historically 2-parent cases are far less than 20% of the overall caseload, the calculation of their representation with this policy change would fall under 1 case per month. Therefore, the impact of this policy change will be presented as 0 additional cases per month.

| | Impact on Each Month in FY 2014 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | |
| **Time of Closure** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prior years carryover | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov | | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec | | | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | | | | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb | | | | | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| Mar | | | | | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Apr | | | | | | | 0 | | | | | | |
| May | | | | | | | | 0 | | | | | |
| Jun | | | | | | | | | 0 | | | | |
| Jul | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | | |
| Aug | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | |
| Sep | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | Grand Total |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | FY 2014 monthly average | 0 |

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 0

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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 | 54 | | FY 2005 TANF 2-Parent Caseload | 1,772 | |
| Six Month Reporting | 46 | | FY 2005 SSP 2-Parent Caseload | 0 | |
| Elimination of Suspension | 11 | | **Total FY 2005 Caseload** | **1,772** | |
| Self-Employment | 0 | | FY 2014 TANF 2-Parent Caseload | 746 | |
| | | | FY 2014 SSP 2-Parent Caseload | 0 | |
| | | | **Total FY 2014 2-Parent Caseload** | **746** | |
| | | | Excess MOE 2-Parent Cases in FY | 141 | |
| | | | **Adjusted FY 2014 Caseload** | **605** | |
| | | | Caseload Decline | 1,167 | 65.9% |
| | | | Decline – Net Impact | 1,278 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | 2-Parent Caseload Reduction Credit = | | **65.9%** |
| **Net Impact** | **111** | | | | |

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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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