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Overall Report_X__ Two-parent Report ___ (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:**
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 2013												
	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	
Jun									157	157	157	157	
Jul										157	157	157	
Aug											157	157	
Sep												157	Grand Total
Total	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	11,304
												FY 2013 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.

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

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 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:
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 estimated impact of this policy change upon the monthly caseload will be an increase of 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, it is believed that 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 2013												
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Time of Closure													
Prior years carryover	126												
Oct	126	126											
Nov		126	126										
Dec			126	126									
Jan				126	126								
Feb					126	126							
Mar						126	126						
Apr							126	126					
May								126	126				
Jun									126	126			
Jul										126	126		
Aug											126	126	
Sep												126	Grand Total
Total	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	3,024
											FY 2013 monthly average		252

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

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, 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 2013												
	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	828
											FY 2013 monthly average		69

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5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 69 (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 will result in an increase in FIP caseload levels since it will allow 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 will be eligible for FIP which would otherwise not have been eligible and these cases are anticipated to remain on assistance for an average of 12 months.

	Impact on Each Month in FY 2013												
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Time of Closure													
Prior years carryover	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	5	0	
Oct	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Nov		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Dec			5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Jan				5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Feb					5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Mar						5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Apr							5	5	5	5	5	5	
May								5	5	5	5	5	
Jun									5	5	5	5	
Jul										5	5	5	
Aug											5	5	
Sep												5	Grand Total
Total	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	60	60	495
												FY 2013 monthly average	41

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 41(increase)

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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.)

Iowa		**Fiscal Year to which credit applies:**		**2014**
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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit				
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**	
Self-employment income	41	FY 2013 TANF Caseload	15,059	
		FY 2013 SSP Caseload	0	
		Total FY 2013 Caseload	**15,059**	
		Excess MOE Cases in FY 2013	1,630	
		Adjusted FY 2013 Caseload	**13,429**	
		Caseload Decline	6,058	31.1%
		Decline – Net Impact	7,362	
		Caseload Reduction Credit =		**31.1%**
Net Impact	**1,304**			

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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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(Signature)

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(Name)

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(Title)