

## FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

**Date of Completion** 12/10/2015

**State:** Iowa

**Fiscal Year to which credit applies:** 2016

Overall Report  (check one)  
Two-parent Report

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 (attach supporting materials to this form):

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.

Time of Closure	Impact on Each Month in FY 2015												Grand Total		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep			
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	157	
Jul										157	157	157	157	157	
Aug											157	157	157	157	
Sep												157	157	157	
Total	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	942	11,304
															FY 2015 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 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 322 cases/mo. Following March 2007, the average went down to 196 cases/mo. Therefore, the estimated impact of this policy change upon the monthly caseload is an increase of 126 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 2015												Grand Total	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
<b>Time of Closure</b>														
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	126	
<b>Total</b>	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	3,024
														FY 2015 monthly average
														252

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

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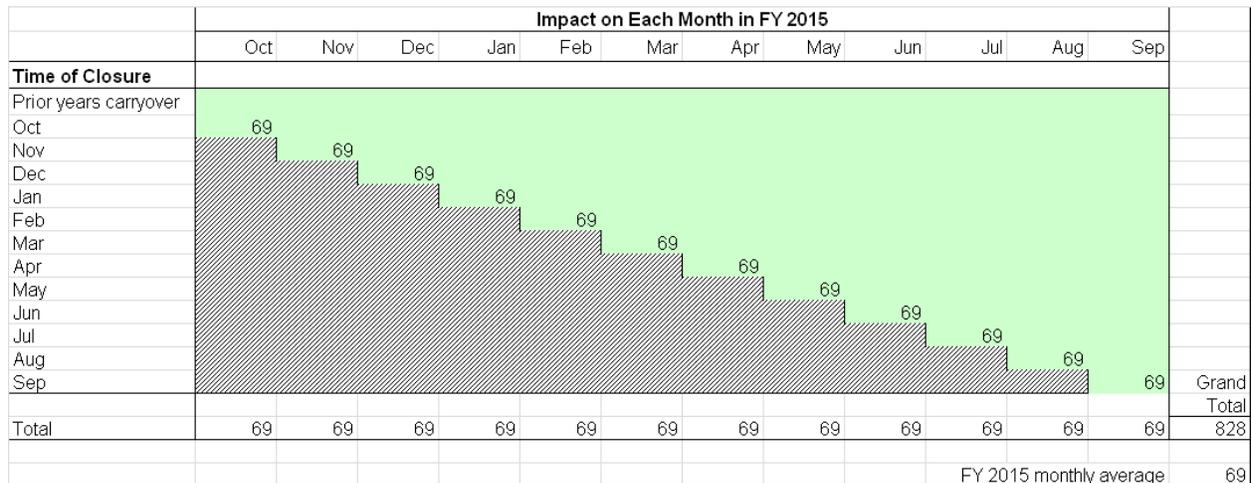
**Fiscal Year to which credit applies:** 2016

1. Name of eligibility change: End of suspension of cases going over income due to 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 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 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. is only projected for one month:



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	<b>Total FY 2005 Caseload</b>	<b>19,487</b>	
Self-employment income	60	FY 2015 TANF Caseload	11,669	
		FY 2015 SSP Caseload	0	
		<b>Total FY 2015 Caseload</b>	<b>11,669</b>	
		Excess MOE Cases in FY 2015	1,305	
		<b>Adjusted FY 2015 Caseload</b>	<b>10,364</b>	
		Caseload Decline	9,123	46.8%
		Decline – Net Impact	10,446	
		Caseload Reduction Credit =		<b>46.8%</b>
<b>Net Impact</b>	<b>1,323</b>			

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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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