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The Honorable Jim Marleau, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Rob VerHeulen, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Marleau and Representative VerHeulen:

Section 677 of 2014 Public Act No. 252 requires the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to report the following information:

Sec. 677. (1) The department shall establish a state goal for the percentage of family independence program cases involved in employment activities. The percentage established shall not be less than 50%. The goal for long-term employment shall be 15% of cases for 6 months or more.

Sec. 677. (3) The department shall submit to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the senate and house policy offices a quarterly report that includes all of the following:

- (a) The number and percentage of nonexempt family independence program recipients who are employed.*
- (b) The average and range of wages of employed family independence program recipients.*
- (c) When data become available, the number and percentage of employed family independence program recipients who remain employed for 6 months or more.*

Please see the attached report, which contains the information as required by the Public Act.

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If you have questions regarding this, please contact Terrence M. Beurer, Deputy Director, Field Operations Administration, at (517) 335-3570.

Sincerely,



Nick Lyon
Director

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Attachment

c: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHHS
Senate and House Fiscal Agencies
Senate and House Policy Offices

- 1) The number of nonexempt family independence program recipients who were employed during the period **June 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015** was 17,942.
Source: The Welfare Reform monthly report as of September 26, 2015.

The percentage of nonexempt family independence program recipients who were employed during the period **June 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015** was 55%.
Source: The Welfare Reform monthly report as of September 26, 2015.

Please note: September 2015 data will not be available until mid-October 2015. The Welfare Reform monthly report which includes information related to the Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope. (PATH) program is published by the Workforce Development Agency (WDA). This report is released approximately 45 days after the end of the monthly reporting period and is provided to MDHHS when published.

- 2) Average and range of wages of employed family independence program recipients for the period **June 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015** was \$9.16 per hour (average) and wages ranged from \$5.15 to \$49.36* per hour.
Source: The Welfare Reform monthly report as of September 26, 2015.

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- 3) The data for the number of employed family independence program recipients who remained employed for six months for the period **October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015** was 6,571.

The percentage for the number of employed family independence program recipients who remained employed for six months for the period **October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015** was 41.43%
Source: The Welfare Reform monthly report as of September 26, 2015.

*As this income was reported during the reporting period, it is included in the report of average and range of wages of employed family independence program recipients for the quarter. This income was budgeted correctly against the individual's benefits when it was received. In some cases, the reported income caused excess income when budgeted and the family independence program case closed due to the income. In other cases, the income was from short-term employment which ended before the income could be budgeted to affect the individual's benefits.