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## Family Independence Program – FIP

Beginning March 2007 there was a change in the way the caseload was reported. **The total FIP caseload** includes traditional, or regular, cases as well as new Extended FIP cases. **Extended FIP, or EFIP**, is a benefit of participation in the Jobs, Employment and Training Program. EFIP cases have earned sufficient income to no longer qualify for FIP. They remain on the caseload for six additional months receiving a \$10 a month benefit in order to qualify for other employment related benefits.

### Regular FIP

- The regular FIP caseload in October was 76,187 cases, an increase of 2,034 (2.7 percent) from September.
- The October FIP recipient total was 207,404, an increase of 5,721 (almost 3 percent) from September.
- The FIP regular caseload is 14.7 percent lower than in March 2007 when the recent highest caseload was 89,333. The decline is related to demographics, policy, sanctions, the introduction of EFIP, and the state's increased minimum wage.

### Extended FIP – EFIP

- The EFIP caseload in October was 3,064 cases representing 9,278 people, a 1 percent decrease from September.

### Total FIP

- The total FIP caseload in October was 79,251 cases, up 1,988 (2.5 percent) from September.
- The October recipient total was 216,682, up 5,629 (2.7 percent) from September.

## Food Assistance Program

- The October Food Assistance Program caseload, like most recent months, set a new record high with 790,220 households representing 1,650,505 individuals. Since January 2000 the caseload (then 258,287) has increased by 205 percent.

## Child Day Care

- There were 36,314 day care cases receiving payments in October representing care for 70,193 children.

## Medicaid

- The Medicaid caseload in October was 1,020,274 representing care for 1,797,509 recipients.

## Children's Services

### Children's Protective Services

There were 10,202 abuse-neglect complaints in October (up 39 from September), 6,629 assigned investigations (up 131 from September) and 1,711 confirmed cases of abuse and neglect. There were 2,845 victims of abuse-neglect in October, 106 more than in September

### Foster Care

The foster care total in October was 16,014, down 175 from 16,189 in September. Of the group, 5,591 resided in licensed foster care, 5,742 with licensed or unlicensed relatives, 1,015 in a child caring institution, and 3,016 in their own home or independent living.

### Adoption

Of the foster care group there were 3,811 children under DHS management in October with an adoption goal, down from 3,889 in September. These children are state or court wards whose parental rights have been terminated by a court as a result of abuse or neglect.

## Child Support Program (For the quarter ending September 30, 2009)

- Child support cases totaled 963,128 at the end of September 2009, which included 960,463 children. Since September 2008, the caseload has increased by 28,696 cases.
- From October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009, \$1,244,829,732 was distributed directly to families, \$48,399,484 was distributed to cover medical costs for children, and \$89,179,760 was collected to reimburse federal and state governments for public assistance provided to families.
- Past due support that was distributed from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 totaled \$408,930,002 which is a decrease of \$37,879,978 over the same time period last year.
- From October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009, total child support distributions in Michigan totaled \$1,425,561,542, a decrease of \$62,862,455 over the same time period last year.