

Administrative Rule Analysis



FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

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Agency: Economic Stability Administration

Enabling Statute: Social Welfare Act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.6 et seq.

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

The Family Independence Program (FIP) provides for cash assistance to eligible low-income persons. Current department policy for verified, fraudulently removed (i.e., stolen) FIP benefits requires case workers to provide the beneficiary with a gift card to a single vendor in the amount of the fraudulently removed benefits. The proposed changes would allow for direct transfers of replacement funds to Michigan Bridge Cards, with the stipulations that each case is allowed 1 such reimbursement in a 12-month period, and the replacement funds can only be approved for the lesser of either 4 times the monthly payment standard or the amount that was fraudulently removed. See Final Rule Set 2024-026 HS for State Disability Assistance (SDA).

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

This proposed rule change will likely have no fiscal impact on the costs of providing FIP benefits, as it alters the reimbursement method but does not change the allowable reimbursement amounts.

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