

AGENDA ITEM 7.

**FY2005 MAP AND IIA APPLICATION VOLUME UPDATE
REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND**

Submitted for: Action

Summary: As of a U.S. Department of Education application received date of May 28, 2004, the number of announced applications, or completed applications from Illinois residents planning to attend an institution approved to participate in the Monetary Award Program (MAP), totaled 197,701. This represents an increase of 5.5 percent over the same point in the FY2004 processing cycle.

Announced applications have increased 8.0 percent for independent students without dependents, 6.9 percent for independent students with dependents, and 4.3 percent for dependent students. At this time, 65.8 percent of announced applicants are eligible for a MAP award for the 2004-2005 school year, making eligible application volume 5.0 percent higher than last year.

As of May 28, the number of FY2005 applicants eligible for the Illinois Incentive for Access (IIA) Program is similar to last year. As of May 28, there were 18,285 freshman applicants with an expected family contribution (EFC) of zero, representing an increase of just under one percent over the same time in FY2004.

The FY2005 appropriations for MAP and IIA have not been finalized, though it is expected that MAP will receive \$338.6 million and IIA will receive \$7.2 million, level funding over last year. Higher application volume combined with no new funds will necessitate the suspension of award announcements, most likely in mid-to-late July. Suspension dates for MAP and IIA award announcements may be separate depending on application volume in each program.

Action requested: The Commission authorizes staff to suspend FY2005 award announcements for MAP and IIA when it becomes necessary to avoid a substantial risk of overcommitting MAP and IIA appropriations.

ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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FY2005 MAP Application Volume

As of a U.S. Department of Education application received date of May 28, 2004, the number of FY2005 announced MAP applicants, or undergraduate Illinois residents attending MAP-approved institutions, totaled 197,701, 5.5 percent higher than the same point in time last year. MAP-eligible applications have increased 5.0 percent over last year. Table 1 below summarizes the number of FY2004 and FY2005 announced and MAP-eligible applications received by sector and dependency type. The FY2005 appropriation for MAP has not yet been finalized, though it is expected that MAP will receive \$338.6 million, level funding over last year.

Table 1: Comparison of FY2004 and FY2005 MAP Applications Received as of May 21, by Sector and Dependency Type			
	FY2004	FY2005	% Change
Announced Applications	187,326	197,701	5.5%
Eligible Applications	123,825	130,012	5.0%
Announced MAP Applications			
Public Universities	67,671	70,622	4.4%
Private Four-Year	54,974	55,901	1.7%
Community Colleges	54,832	59,641	8.8%
Private Two-Year	2,696	2,572	-4.6%
Hospital Schools	614	789	28.5%
Proprietary	6,539	8,176	25.0%
Dependent	114,844	119,742	4.3%
Independent Without Dependents	29,686	31,729	6.9%
Independent With Dependents	42,796	46,230	8.0%
MAP-Eligible Applications			
Public Universities	39,275	40,224	2.4%
Private Four-Year	35,595	35,770	0.5%
Community Colleges	41,297	44,646	8.1%
Private Two-Year	2,253	2,126	-5.6%
Hospital Schools	472	584	23.7%
Proprietary	4,933	6,662	35.0%
Dependent	61,858	63,366	2.4%
Independent Without Dependents	22,241	23,865	7.3%
Independent With Dependents	39,726	42,781	7.7%

Announced MAP application volume has grown 28.5 percent from students attending hospital schools, 25 percent at proprietary institutions, and almost 9 percent community colleges. Slower percentage growth can be seen at public universities and private institutions. Applications from independent students show the largest percentage increase; 8 percent for independent students with dependents and 6.9 percent for independent students without dependents. Announced applications for dependent students rose four percent over the same time last year.

MAP-eligible application volume from students attending proprietary institutions has grown 35 percent, 23.7 percent at hospital schools, and 8 percent at community colleges. Eligible applications from students attending public universities grew 2.5 percent and volume remains at a level similar to last year at private institutions. The overall increase in MAP-eligible applications is largely driven by the increase in applications from independent students. Volume for eligible independent students with dependents was up 7.7 percent and 7.3 percent for independent students without dependents. Eligible dependent student volume rose by 2.4 percent.

For announced dependent applicants, the average parental income grew \$1,780 from \$57,852 to \$59,632. The average federal EFC increase more than \$600 from \$9,689 to \$10,323. Just under 13 percent of dependent applicants had no family resources to pay for college, down from just under 14 percent last year. Just under 53 percent of applicants have been determined MAP-eligible, down 1.2 percent from last year. For announced independent applicants, the average student income remained unchanged from last year at \$21,439. The average federal EFC grew slightly from \$2,674 to \$2,735. Approximately 47 percent of independent applicants had no family resources to pay for college, up from 46 percent last year. Just over 85 percent of independent applicants have been determined MAP-eligible, unchanged from last year.

FY2005 IIA Application Volume

As of a U.S. Department of Education application received date of May 28, 2004, there were 18,285 applicants eligible for the IIA program, representing an increase of just under one percent over the same point in time last year. To be eligible for IIA, applicants must be in their freshman year and have limited family resources to pay for college. For FY2005, it is anticipated that awards will be funded only for those applicants with a zero Expected Family Contribution. Table 2 below shows the number of IIA-eligible applications by school and dependency type. The FY2005 appropriation for IIA has not been finalized, though it is expected that IIA will receive \$7.2 million, representing level funding from FY2004.

Table 2: Comparison of FY2004 and FY2005 IIA Eligible Applicants: Freshmen With Zero Expected Family Contribution			
	FY2004	FY2005	% Change
Eligible Applications	18,149	18,285	0.7%
Public Universities	2,999	2,932	-2.2%
Private Four-Year	3,806	2,922	-23.2%
Community Colleges	9,971	11,035	10.7%
Private Two-Year	539	462	-14.3%
Hospital Schools	72	75	4.2%
Proprietary	762	859	12.7%
Dependent	6,828	6,513	-4.6%
Independent	11,321	11,772	4.0%

Request Permission to Suspend

Due to the increased application volume and anticipated program funding levels, it will be necessary to suspend award announcements for MAP and IIA. While suspension dates for MAP and IIA may be different, at this time it appears the suspension dates will be in mid-to-late July. Staff is requesting Commission authorization to suspend FY2005 award announcements when it becomes necessary to avoid overcommitting MAP and IIA appropriations.