

AGENDA ITEM 7.

**FY2005 MONETARY AWARD PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
AND APPROVAL OF MAP AND IIA PAYMENT CLAIM DEADLINE DATES**

Submitted for: Action

Summary: As of the U.S. Department of Education application received date of September 10, 2004, the number of FY2005 announced Monetary Award Program (MAP) applicants, undergraduate Illinois residents attending approved institutions, totaled 300,885, 4.3 percent higher than last year. Applicants determined eligible for a MAP grant increased 3.7 percent over a similar point last year. For the Silas Purnell Illinois Incentive for Access Program (IIA), eligible applications have increased by 12.3 percent.

ISAC suspended the announcement of MAP and IIA grants for all students whose initial 2004-05 applications were received on or after August 16, 2004. ISAC notifies all affected applicants that their awards have been placed in suspension status. As of September 10, just over 9,600 MAP-eligible applications and 3,000 IIA-eligible applications have been placed into suspension status.

Payment for the 2004-2005 school year was made available to schools in late August, making it possible for schools to request payment for MAP students. Schools may request payment 10 days before the beginning of the semester. Payment of grant benefits is requested by the school through ISAC and sent by the State Comptroller directly to the institution. Participants were notified via standard College Zone communications concerning payment requests and claims processing.

In order to facilitate fiscal management of MAP and to guide planning decisions for the program, staff annually proposes deadlines for payment request submission by institutions in order to expedite the receipt of payment and enrollment information. These dates are similar to those used this past year.

Action requested: Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed FY2005 priority payment claim deadline dates for MAP and IIA as shown below.

<u>Term</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
1 st semester or quarter	January 14, 2005
2 nd semester or quarter	April 8, 2005
2 nd semester starting after 2/15/05	June 10, 2005
3 rd quarter	June 10, 2005

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MAP Application Volume

As of the U.S. Department of Education application received date of September 10, 2004, the number of FY2005 announced MAP applicants, undergraduate Illinois residents attending approved institutions, totaled 300,885, 4.3 percent higher than last year. Eligible volume increased 3.7 percent. Table 1 summarizes FY2005 and FY2004 applications received by sector through September 10.

Table 1: Comparison of FY2005 to FY2004 MAP Application Volumes Received as of September 10, by Sector			
	FY2004	FY2005	% Change
Announced Applications	288,362	300,885	4.3%
Eligible Applications	194,624	201,803	3.7%
Announced By Sector			
Public Universities	93,238	94,625	1.5%
Private Four-Year	71,331	72,222	1.2%
Community Colleges	107,817	114,889	6.6%
Private Two-Year	4,242	4,052	-4.5%
HSN/Professional	930	1,087	16.9%
Proprietary	10,804	14,010	29.7%
Dependent	165,223	171,180	3.6%
Independent Without	48,824	51,477	5.4%
Independent With Dep	74,315	78,228	5.3%
Eligible By Sector			
Public Universities	53,628	53,223	-0.8%
Private Four-Year	46,592	46,338	-0.5%
Community Colleges	81,999	87,453	6.7%
Private Two-Year	3,553	3,364	-5.3%
HSN/Professional	690	799	15.8%
Proprietary	8,162	10,626	30.2%
Dependent	90,011	91,258	1.4%
Independent Without	35,874	38,238	6.6%
Independent With Dep	68,739	72,307	5.2%

The overall increase in applications is largely driven by a higher number of applications from independent students. Volume for eligible independent students without dependents was up 6.6 percent. Volume for independent students with dependents increased by 5.2 percent, and eligible dependent student volume rose by 1.4 percent. By sector, the largest increase in the number of applications has been at community colleges. The largest percentage increase has been at proprietary institutions mainly due to the approval of two new institutions to participate in MAP.

IIA Application Volume

Application volume for the IIA program is slightly more difficult to predict than MAP volume. Students eligible for IIA are those who are freshmen and have an expected family contribution of zero. While the zero-EFC population can be easily identified, class level must be taken from the student's FAFSA until it is verified by the school. Students entering their second year of school may consider themselves sophomores, but unless they have earned enough credits they may still be classified as a freshmen. In such cases, unless they have expended their full \$500 IIA award, they could still be eligible. Nevertheless, Table 2 below shows that as of September 10, applications from known freshmen with zero-EFCs have increased by 12.3 percent.

Table 2: Comparison of FY2005 to FY2004 IIA Application Volume: Known Freshmen With Zero Expected Family Contribution			
	FY2004	FY2005	% Change
Public Universities	3,729	3,793	1.7%
Private Four-Year	4,504	3,968	-11.9%
Community Colleges	19,355	23,067	19.2%
Private Two-Year	859	832	-3.1%
HSN/Professional	108	121	12.0%
Proprietary	1,383	1,829	32.2%
Total	29,938	33,610	12.3%

Suspension of MAP and IIA Award Announcements

Given available funding levels, higher application volume necessitated the suspension of MAP and IIA award announcements on August 16, 2004 to avoid overcommitment of funds. Through September 10, there are just over 9,600 applications from students who would have been eligible for a MAP grant. Approximately 3,000 are also eligible for IIA. In both cases, the majority of these applicants are independent students who indicated plans to attend a community college.

Proposed FY2005 Payment Claim Deadline Dates for MAP and IIA

Payment for the 2004-2005 school year was made available to schools in late August, making it possible for schools to request payment for MAP students. Schools may request payment 10 days before the beginning of the semester. Payment of grant benefits is requested by the school through ISAC and sent by the State Comptroller directly to the institution. Participants were notified via standard College Zone communications concerning payment requests and claims processing.

To facilitate fiscal management of the program, staff annually proposes deadline dates for MAP payment request submission by institutions to expedite the receipt of enrollment and payment information. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed FY2005 priority claim deadline dates for MAP and IIA shown below. Payment claims submitted after the approved dates will be paid only if funds are available, on a first-come, first served basis beginning after the 3rd term deadline date.

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1 st semester or quarter	January 14, 2005
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