Three-Bill Budget Package

- Went into effect immediately
- Funds the state’s programs and services, including ISAC’s programs, through the 2018 fiscal year
  - SB 9 (revenue component)
  - SB 6 (budget component)
  - SB 42 (budget implementation component, i.e., changes in statute needed to enact the budget bill)
- The bills are now considered law and are officially:
  - Public Act 100-0022
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## Fiscal Year 2017

### Appropriations for ISAC Programs

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*For some programs, funding may be sufficient to allow payment of outstanding FY16 claims.*
### Fiscal Year 2018

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2016-17 PROCESSING AND CLOSE OUT
2016-17 MAP

- All timely fall term MAP claims were processed on July 7, 2017
- A release of suspended records was done on July 12, 2017
  - Applicants with a FAFSA receipt date of **March 10, 2016 through and including April 14, 2016** were released from suspense status
- Second and third term claims were processed on July 14, 2017
- Payment results are now available in GAP Access for all 2016-17 terms
  - MAP Paid Credit Hours have been updated
- Schools may submit initial claims for records that were released from suspense and make adjustments and cancellations to any previously-submitted MAP claims
- Schools will have until mid-August to submit claims and adjustments and to complete all reconciliation activities
MAP Awarding & Packaging

Reminders

- MAP awards should be clearly identified on student accounts and on institutional records
  - Awarding requirements
    - Identify MAP on the award letter as: **State of IL MAP Grant (Est)**
    - Provide the required award letter language
    - Notify applicants of changes in their eligibility status
      - Reasons include:
        - have an incomplete record
        - exceeded MAP Paid Credit Hours limit
  - [www.isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/map/map-award-announcements](http://www.isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/map/map-award-announcements)
**ISAC verification rules – General Provisions, Section 2700.50**

**Determining Applicant Eligibility**

- e) The institution is required to verify the residency of all applicants to ISAC gift assistance programs for which Illinois residency is a requirement.
  - 1) An institution is not required to verify residency if:
    - A) The applicant received payment of a MAP award during the previous academic year; or,
    - B) The applicant was enrolled in an ISAC-approved MAP institution or an ISAC-approved Illinois high school (see Section 2700.30) for the preceding consecutive 12 months prior to the start of the academic year for which assistance is requested.
  - 2) Notwithstanding the exceptions named in subsection (e)(1), the institution shall verify residency:
    - A) When an applicant has changed dependency status during the academic year to become an independent student; or,
    - B) If the institution has any information that indicates the applicant may not be a resident of Illinois.
Potential 2016-17 Packaging Issues

- ISAC verification rules – General Provisions, Section 2700.50 Determining Applicant Eligibility
  - Section 2700.50 Determining Applicant Eligibility
    - i) Institutions may request first term payment even though verification is not yet complete. If, after verification, an ISAC payment adjustment is appropriate, institutions must submit the appropriate refund. If verification is not completed within 60 days after the conclusion of the regular school year, the institution shall return the first term payment to ISAC. For other than the first term of eligibility in an academic year, the verification process must be completed before the institution may request payment.

- Timeframes and verification requirements specified in ISAC rules are still applicable
INTERIM DISBURSEMENTS
Interim disbursements are allowed either prior to completing verification or after verification but before receiving the corrected SAR or ISIR. If you have no reason to question the accuracy of the information on the FAFSA, prior to completing verification you may at your discretion

1. make one disbursement of Pell, Perkins, and FSEOG funds for the applicant’s first payment period,
2. permit FWS employment for the first 60 consecutive days after the student enrolls for the award year, or
3. originate but not disburse a Direct Subsidized Loan.

If verification results in changes to the FAFSA information that you determine will not alter award amounts, you may at your discretion take actions 1–3 as well as disburse a Direct Subsidized Loan prior to receiving the corrected valid SAR or ISIR.

Overpayments from interim disbursements
If prior to verification you make an interim disbursement of Pell, Perkins, or FSEOG funds, your school is liable for any overpayment that results. If you can’t eliminate it by reducing subsequent disbursements or having the student return the money, your school must use its own funds to reimburse the appropriate program by the earlier of 60 days after the student’s last day of attendance or the last day of the award year.

If prior to verification your school permits provisional FWS employment of students for up to 60 days, it is liable for any overpayment it can’t recover by adjusting other aid, and it must reimburse the FWS account from its own
Potential 2016-17 Packaging Issues

- 399 Codes
  - ISAC had stopped accepting 2016-17 ISIRs on June 2, 2017
  - Beginning tonight, ISAC plans to bring in ISIRs from June 2 to the current date, and will continue to accept them up to the point at which we stop processing 2016-17 MAP so that claims and adjustments can be made on the most current transaction
Potential 2016-17 Packaging Issues

- Post-9/11 GI Bill
  - According to VA rules, MAP must be applied before Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits
  - Students can decline their MAP award
    - It is good practice to have the student sign something stating that they are declining their MAP award for each semester/award year for which they are doing so
    - Can be particularly important if returning VA benefits at this point would create a debt for the student
Potential 2016-17 Packaging Issues

- Overawarding/Overpayment
  - 2016-17 FSA Handbook, Volume 4, Processing Aid and Managing FSA Funds
  - Chapter 3 – Overawards and Overpayments
    - See Pages 4-78 and 4-79 for guidance on overaward and overpayment situations involving Federal Direct Student Loans
MAP Program for Dislocated Workers (DW)

For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years, ISAC was required to give additional consideration to the needs of dislocated workers

- Independent students who answered “yes” to Question 102 on FAFSA -- As of today, are you (or your spouse) a dislocated worker? -- received “additional and specific consideration”
  - Award announcements for independent students considered DW workers were suspended if their initial 2016-17 FAFSA was received on or after August 16, 2016, giving them a later suspense date than other MAP applicants
  - A student who answered “yes” to FAFSA Question 102 on any transaction was considered a dislocated worker applicant for the entire academic year
Identifying DW Students in GAP Access

- On the “Student List Eligibility” screen, DW fields are on the far right of the initial view
  - If the Student or Spouse DW field is “Y”, the student answered yes to FAFSA Question 102 on one or more transactions in the academic year
  - If the field is blank, they answered “no” or “I don’t know” to FAFSA Question 102 on their transactions for the academic year

- Because DW applicants will have a later suspend date than other applicants, there is also a column for DW Suspend
The “Student Eligibility Detail screen also includes fields that will indicate if a student is a DW for MAP purposes

- “Y” if the applicant answered yes to the DW question on the FAFSA for any transaction
- “Blank” if no

If a student is a DW and is in DW Suspense, the DW Suspend field will be populated with an “S”
**Student List Eligibility Screen**

- Two icons are available to assist users in determining which DW students are in Suspense.

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- The enclosed yellow question mark -- 🌟 -- indicates that a DW student is in DW suspense, meaning that the student missed both the regular suspense date and the DW suspense date.

- The regular question mark -- ? -- identifies a DW student that missed the regular suspense date but not the DW suspense date.
Student List Eligibility: Filter Screen

The Filter, Sort and Columns screens include DW options

- The Filter screen allows the user to select only those students that are considered DW for MAP purposes by checking the Student or Spouse DW checkbox
- It will also allow users to select DW Suspend students
MAP File Layout Specifications

Three fields were added to the 160-byte file:

- Field 43 DISLOCATED WORKER INDICATOR X(01); previously FILLER X(01); field added to record types 2 and 7
- Field 45 DISLOCATED WORKER SUSPENSE FLAG X(01); previously FILLER X(02); field added to record types 2 and 7
- Field 46 DISLOCATED WORKER CONFIRM STUDENT X(01); field added to record types 4,5 and 6
Confirmation of Dislocated Work Status

- Since the FAFSA dislocated worker data pertains to student or spouse, schools must confirm that the student, not the spouse, is the dislocated worker
  - If the student was awarded a MAP grant prior to the initial MAP suspension date for the general pool of applicants, it is not necessary to confirm that the student is the dislocated worker
- To aid in the confirmation process, a Dislocated Worker Verification template was created by the ILASFAA Rules and Operations Advisory Committee
  - Schools are not required to use the form and do not need to provide documentation to ISAC
- Schools will, however, need to confirm student eligibility as part of the payment request process
MAP for Dislocated Workers (DW)

DW Program Overview
Implementation of the DW Program
    Student List Eligibility Screen
    Filter, Sort & Columns Screen
    Student Eligibility Detail Screen
    Payment Detail Screen
    Confirmation of Dislocated Work Status

DW Program Overview

ISAC will give additional consideration to the needs of dislocated workers (DW) during the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years as required by Public Act 098-0967 and explained in the July 2, 2014 ISAC Legislative Update. ISAC will reserve dollars allowing independent students who are DW to apply for a Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant later than the date on which award announcements are suspended for the general pool of applicants. After stopping award announcements (suspension) for the general pool of applicants, ISAC will continue to make awards only to DW until the dislocated worker suspense date is determined. A dislocated worker is defined in chapter 2, Filling Out a FAFSA, in the Application and Verification Guide of the FSA Handbook.

ISAC will analyze student data throughout the MAP processing cycle to determine the success of those students who receive grants as a result of this program. Schools will be notified via the e-Messaging service and on this page as additional information is available.

Implementation of the DW Program

Independent students who are dislocated workers and answer “yes” to Question 102 on the 2015-16 FAFSA—As of today, are you (or your spouse) a dislocated worker?—will be considered applicants...
### MAP 2016-2017: Student Detail: Payment

**UNIV**: 009

#### Payment Menu:
- Home
- Student
- Payment
- Budget
- Reports
- File Extractions

#### Options:
- View
- Eligibility
- Payment

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- **MAP Code**: 127
- **Request**: ✅
- **Enrollment Hours**: 
- **Request Amount Override**: $2,360.00
- **Current Eligible Amount**: $2,360.00
- **Original Eligible Amount**: $2,360.00
- **User Defined**: 

#### Dislocated Worker

- Term 1: 
- Term 2: 

**Transaction #**:
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*Note: The highlighted row indicates the 'Dislocated Worker' category.*
The Dislocated Worker columns do not show in the default view of the payment list.

- The columns can be added to the list using the Columns option.

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Scroll to the bottom of the list to find the dislocated worker column options.
MAP Reconciliation Reminders

- Be sure to review any *Payment Results/Exceptions* reports generated by ISAC the day after payment requests were submitted.
- It’s recommended that schools also generate a *MAP Payment Request Submitted Without Results* report for every payment request submission.
2016-17 MAP Processing

- See the MAP Payment page in the FAA section of isac.org for a list of payment results and reject codes and/or the 2016-17 MAP File Specifications (also found in the Electronic Tools section of the E-Library)
2016-17 MAP Close Out

- Complete all reconciliation activities by mid-August
  - Including all upward and downward adjustments, cancellations, and late claims
  - A specific deadline date for processing will be communicated soon via an e-message
Grant Programs for Dependents of Police/Fire/Correctional Officers (PFC)

- FY17 appropriation was enough to allow payment of outstanding FY16 claims
  - 2015-16 PFC Processing
    - All remaining FY16 claims have been processed at 100%
    - School Services is emailing financial aid directors
  - 2016-17 PFC Processing
    - Payment claim data for fall and spring terms has been collected
    - Summer payment rosters will be sent to financial aid directors later this week
      - Deadline date to complete and return to ISAC will be July 31
    - After updating units based on payment of 2015-16 claims and after summer (FY17) claims are received, ISAC will process all 2016-17 claims together and will communicate if any proration is needed at that time
    - Vouchers will be emailed to schools
    - ISAC will not send notices to students
      - isac.org will be updated accordingly
Rank and awarding has been done

Payment request rosters will be made available in My Zone on Thursday, July 20
  - Due date to complete will be August 4

All terms will be presented on one roster

Payment processing will occur each night, making payment results available on the following business day

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Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program

- FY17 appropriation was enough to allow payment of outstanding FY16 claims
- 2015-16 MTI
  - After closing out 2016-17 GAS, ISAC will begin processing of 2015-16 MTI program
    - Rank and awarding has to be completed
    - Then payment request process will be made available
- 2016-17 MTI
  - After student records have been updated with 2015-16 data and remaining appropriation amount is known, rank and awarding can take place
  - Payment request process will then be made available in My Zone
ISAC Military Programs

- 2016-17 Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)
  - Spring term benefit request claims were due by May 25
  - ICCB received appropriation to reimburse some community colleges
    - Details are yet to be determined

- 2016-17 Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant
  - Spring term benefit request claims were due by April 1
  - Summer term benefit requests were due on or before July 1
2017-18 (FY18)
2017-18 Processing

- Once 2016-17 close out is complete, payment processing for 2017-18 can begin
- Need to ensure that student records are updated before claims/benefit requests can be submitted for 2017-18 programs
- Additional guidance will be provided via e-messaging and the FAA Message Board
An ILASFAA Formula Committee was held on July 19 to discuss MAP recompute factors

2017-18 recompute formula recommendations will be discussed at the July 27 Commission Meeting

- Agenda items will be posted to isac.org
- Additional information will be provided in an e-message following the meeting
2017-18 Administrative Rules

- Rules for the 2017-18 award year have been posted to isac.org
- Minor changes were made to the following sections:
  - Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Program
    - To reflect that ING payment processing functions have been incorporated into the GAP Access
  - Veterans’ Home Nurse Loan Repayment Program
    - To update the name of the program and expand the types of medical professionals who qualify for loan repayment assistance, as a result of the passage of Public Act 099-0813.
      - Medical professionals added are physicians, certified nurse practitioners, and certified nursing assistants.
  - Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) Program
    - Revised in an effort to maximize the number of available waivers
2018-19 (FY19)
2018-19 Start Up Preparations

- New draft of 2018-19 FAFSA is available
- 2018-19 EFC Formula Guide is available
- 2018-19 MAP Start Up will be an agenda item at the ISAC Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2017 in Chicago
What’s Next ...

- Commission Meeting on July 27
  - 2017-18 MAP Recompute
- Processing plans for FY16 and FY17 MTI program
- Launch of IVG online application and IVG in GAP Access
- E-messages and FAA Message Board updates
- More webinars, as needed
  - Not currently planning to conduct a webinar on July 26
  - May offer another one in early August, before the usual last Wednesday of the month
  - Will communicate via e-messages, as needed
ISAC Contact Information

- **Student and Parent Services**
  - Phone: 800-899-4722
  - E-mail: isac.studentservices@isac.illinois.gov

- **School Services**
  - Phone: 866-247-2172
  - E-mail: isac.schoolservices@isac.illinois.gov

- **Kim Eck, Training Services**
  - Phone: 217-785-7139
  - E-mail: Kimberly.Eck@isac.illinois.gov
Questions/Comments?

Thank you for participating today!