

AGENDA ITEM 7.

**FY2007 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 June 5, 2006, 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 207,936. This represents an increase of 4.5 percent over the same point in the FY2006 processing cycle. MAP-eligible applications have increased 5.3 percent over last year.

For announced dependent applicants, the average parental income increased almost \$3,000 from \$62,138 at this point last year to \$65,094 this year. The average federal EFC increased from \$11,323 to 11,897. Forty-nine percent of applicants have been determined MAP-eligible, similar to last year. For announced independent applicants, the average student income increased from \$21,878 last year to \$22,468 this year. The average federal EFC grew \$2,841 to \$2,935. Almost 85 percent of independent applicants have been determined MAP-eligible, similar to last year.

The number of FY2007 applicants eligible for the Illinois Incentive for Access (IIA) Program is higher than last year as well. As of June 5, there were 20,936 freshman applicants with an EFC of zero, representing an increase of six percent over the same time in FY2006. Part of this increase can be attributed to changes in the federal need analysis resulting in more zero-EFC students.

The FY2007 appropriation for MAP is \$384.8 million and includes \$34.4 million in new state funds and \$3.7 million in federal LEAP/SLEAP funds. The FY2007 IIA appropriation is \$8.2 million, an increase of \$1 million over the previous year. At this time, staff projects it will be necessary to suspend award announcements in early-to-mid August for IIA. The projected suspension date for MAP applicants depends on FY2007 recompute formula but would most likely not occur before mid-August.

Action requested: The Commission authorizes staff to suspend FY2007 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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FY2007 MAP Application Volume

As of a U.S. Department of Education application received date of June 5, 2006, the number of FY2007 announced MAP applications, or completed applications from undergraduate Illinois residents at MAP-approved institutions, totaled 207,936, up 4.5 percent when compared to the same point in time last year. The number of MAP-eligible applicants totaled 129,193, an increased of 5.3 percent over last year. Table 1 below summarizes the number of FY2006 and FY2007 announced and MAP-eligible applications received by school and dependency type.

Table 1: Comparison of FY2006 and FY2007 MAP Applications Received as of June 5, by Sector and Dependency Type			
	FY2006	FY2007	% Change
Announced Applications	198,967	207,936	4.5%
Eligible Applications	122,689	129,193	5.3%
Announced MAP Applications			
Public Universities	71,193	76,392	7.3%
Private Institutions	58,660	61,304	4.5%
Community Colleges	60,891	61,159	0.4%
Proprietary	8,223	9,081	10.4%
Dependent	122,232	128,714	5.3%
Independent Without Dependents	31,468	32,570	3.5%
Independent With Dependents	45,267	46,652	3.1%
MAP-Eligible Applications			
Public Universities	37,386	40,987	9.6%
Private Institutions	34,895	35,940	3.0%
Community Colleges	44,310	45,477	2.6%
Proprietary	6,098	6,789	11.3%
Dependent	59,744	63,631	6.5%
Independent Without Dependents	22,713	23,781	4.7%
Independent With Dependents	40,232	41,781	3.9%

By school type, the number of announced applications has increased by 10 percent at proprietary institutions, 7 percent at public universities, 5 percent at private institutions, and has remained level at community colleges when compared to last year. The number of MAP-eligible applications has increased by 11 percent at proprietary institutions, 10 percent at public universities, and 3 percent at private institutions and community colleges when compared to last year.

By dependency type, announced application volume for dependent students is five percent higher than last year. Application volume for independent students, with and without dependents, is up just over three percent. MAP-eligible dependent application volume has increased by just under seven percent while volume for eligible independent students without dependents has increase by five percent and volume for eligible independent students with dependents has increased by four percent.

For announced dependent applicants, the average parental income increased almost \$3,000 from \$62,138 at this point last year to \$65,094 this year. The average federal EFC increase from \$11,323 to \$11,897. Thirteen percent of dependent applicants had no family resources to pay for college, up from 12 percent last year. Forty-nine percent of applicants have been determined MAP-eligible, similar to last year. For announced independent applicants, the average student income increased from \$21,878 last year to \$22,468 this year. The average federal EFC grew \$2,841 to \$2,935. Approximately 48 percent of independent applicants had no family resources to pay for college, up from 46 percent last year. Almost 85 percent of independent applicants have been determined MAP-eligible, similar to last year.

FY2007 IIA Application Volume

As of a U.S. Department of Education application received date of June 5, 2006, there were 20,116 applicants eligible for the IIA program, representing an increase of just over six 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 FY2007, 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.

Table 2: Comparison of FY2006 and FY2007 IIA Eligible Applicants: Freshmen With Zero Expected Family Contribution			
	FY2006	FY2007	% Change
Eligible Applications	18,905	20,116	6.4%
Public Universities	3,081	3,325	8.0%
Community Colleges	11,662	12,461	6.9%
Private Institutions	3,036	3,074	1.3%
Proprietary Institutions	1,126	1,256	11.5%
Dependent	6,701	7,606	13.5%
Independent	12,204	12,510	2.5%

The number of freshmen zero-EFC applicants has increased by almost 12 percent at proprietary institutions, 8 percent at public universities, and 7 percent at community colleges when compared to last year. Dependent application volume is up by 14 percent while applications from independent students is up almost 3 percent compared to last year. Part of this increase can be attributed to changes in the federal need analysis that resulted in more zero-EFC students.

Request Permission to Suspend

As in past years, it will be necessary for the Commission to suspend award announcements for MAP and IIA. At this time, staff projects it will be necessary to suspend award announcements in early-to-mid August for IIA. The projected suspension date for MAP applicants depends on FY2007 recompute formula but would most likely not occur before mid-August. Staff is requesting Commission authorization to suspend FY2007 award announcements when it becomes necessary to avoid overcommitting MAP and IIA appropriations.