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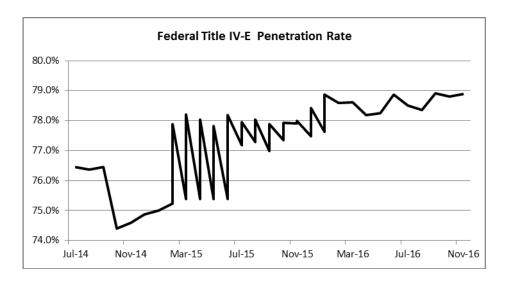
ADOPTION SUBSIDY PROJECTIONS WORKGROUP MEETING

Projections Workgroup. Staff from the Department of Management (DOM), the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) met on December 20, 2016, to discuss the Adoption Subsidy Program actual FY 2017 expenditures to date and estimated FY 2017, FY 2018, and FY 2019 expenditures. The Projections Workgroup is established in lowa Code section 234.47 to discuss revenues and expenditures and agree on an estimate for the current and upcoming fiscal years.

Members of the Workgroup agreed that the percentage of cases eligible for federal Title IV-E funding is expected to increase each month and will outpace the caseload growth rate, as determined by current trends. Additionally, a more favorable Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate greatly affects the expected State share for the Adoption Subsidy Program. These factors led to the following estimates:

- Fiscal Year 2017: The Workgroup agreed to an estimated net surplus of \$493 after the federal delinking (reinvestment of savings) requirement to reinvest savings from federal Title IV-E funds is satisfied.
- **FY 2018:** The Workgroup agreed to an estimated net surplus of \$968,753 after setting aside surplus funds to meet the federal delinking requirement.
- **FY 2019:** The Workgroup agreed to an estimated net surplus of \$1,102,531 after setting aside surplus funds to meet the federal delinking requirement.

The following chart presents the increasing percentage of cases eligible for federal Title IV-E funding, thereby decreasing the State's share of Program expenditures.



Next Meeting. The next Projections Workgroup meeting has not been scheduled at this time, but will likely occur in March 2017.

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