



<b>INDICATOR NAME:</b>	Family Violence Indicator
<b>SETTING CRITERIA:</b>	<p><u>IV-D</u> --          Good Cause request or status (TANF)          Work First program deferral (due to domestic violence)          Personal protection order          UIFSA nondisclosure request          Self-report (Written)          IV-D knowledge of domestic violence or child abuse</p> <p><u>Friend of Court</u> --          Address confidentiality status</p>
<b>ELIGIBLE PEOPLE:</b>	<p><u>People Directly Protected</u>          Good Cause &amp; Work First: Custodial parent victims          Address confidentiality: Victims          Self-report or IV-D discretion: Victims</p> <p><u>Others Protected</u>          Good Cause &amp; Work First: Victim/abuser offspring in the victim's household (Automatic)          Address confidentiality: All household members involved in the victim's MI child support cases or orders (Automatic)          Self-report or IV-D discretion: Others, as needed (Manual)</p>
<b>IMPACT:</b>	<p>Sends FV Indicator to the FCR          Prompts greater worker care with case &amp; data</p>
<b>DURATION:</b>	Indefinite
<b>REMOVAL CRITERIA:</b>	<p>Good Cause, Work First, &amp; Address Confidentiality: End of status          Other: Victim request</p>
<b>OVERRIDE:</b>	State-specific components not yet developed

*Below is a Policy Bulletin from the Michigan IV-D agency that explains how the Family Violence (FV) Indicator is to be set on records in the State Case Registry. In addition, the Policy Bulletin contains an attachment -- the form affidavit for completion by people who want to report a safety concern to the agency. That document also appears below.*

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**OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT LETTER  
POLICY BULLETIN**

**DATE:** May 1, 1999  
**TO:** Office of Child Support Staff and Manual Holders  
**SUBJECT:** FAMILY VIOLENCE INDICATOR AND CHILD SUPPORT

**NO: 99-04**

The Personal Responsibility and Work [Opportunity] Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) establishes the State and Federal Case Registries. One important component of the State Case Registry, which is in the process of being built in Michigan, is the Family Violence (FV) Indicator. The FV Indicator is attached to any individual for whom there is reasonable evidence of domestic violence or child abuse, and who has been or potentially may be in danger of abuse. Information will not be shared with other states through the Federal Case Registry on individuals whose FV Indicator is set to "Y" (Yes).

With release 1.4.1 of CSES already in some counties and due to be released shortly in others, a new field is available for the Support Specialist to manually set the FV flag to "Y" (Yes) or "N" (No). The field remains blank until the . . . code is set systematically or manually. There is no default value. The following situations prompt a Specialist to set the flag to "Y":

- ☛ A Personal Protection Order (PPO) is entered against the non custodial parent in the IV-D case. (An automatic interface with PPO data is being negotiated. Until that is implemented, if you become aware of a PPO in a court action or otherwise, enter a "Y" in the FV Indicator field.)
- ☛ Good Cause for child support is pending or granted in a FIP/MA case. (Data Warehouse version 3.1.1 will automatically set the flag to "Y" in this instance.)
- ☛ The Friend of the Court case address confidentiality flag is in place. (DW version 3.1.1 will automatically set the FV Indicator to "Y" in this instance.)
- ☛ OCS BULLETIN 99-04

- ☛ The client has been granted a deferral from Work First because of Domestic Violence. (The employment code = DV if there is a deferral.) No automatic interface is available for this item at this time. If you become aware that a client is deferred, enter a “Y” in the FV Indicator field.
- ☛ If in an interstate case, a client signs a Uniform Nondisclosure form (FIA-4791) and you are aware of it, enter a “Y” in the FV Indicator field.
- ☛ If you become aware that an FIA-970, “Affidavit for Withholding Name, Address and Amount of Assistance From Disclosure to General Public” has been signed by a client set the FV Indicator to “Y”.
- ☛ If none of the above triggers occur but the worker still feels that there is “reasonable evidence of domestic violence or child abuse, and the disclosure of such information (i.e. location information) could be harmful to the parent or the child of such parent” the FV indicator should be manually set. [Legal authority: 42USC 653(b)(2)] This may be a subjective decision by the Support Specialist or a “self-disclosure” from a client. This is not the same as a good cause determination and no other consequences occur except for the information being safeguarded.

In reverse, change the FV indicator to “N” if the situation that triggered the “Y” no longer exists.

Attached is an L-Letter that pertains to Domestic Violence that all staff should review. A manual update will be forthcoming. Retain this bulletin until further notice.

Lynda Crandall, Director  
Family Independence Services Administration

Approved by: [signature]  
Director

Attachment: L-Letter L-99-04

**AFFIDAVIT FOR WITHHOLDING NAME,  
ADDRESS AND AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE  
FROM DISCLOSURE TO GENERAL PUBLIC**

State of Michigan  
Family Independence Agency

Case Name				
Case Number				Date
County	District	Unit	Worker	Other ID (as required)

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

This statement will authorize the local office to withhold the client's name, address, and amount of assistance from disclosure to a member of the general public.

I request that the Family Independence Agency not disclose any information about my case to members of the general public, including my address or any information as to whether or not I am a recipient of assistance. I have been a victim of physical and/or emotional abuse at the hands of a husband, former husband, boyfriend or former boyfriend. I fear that disclosure of any information about me will lead to recurrence of such treatment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Client

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary

Notary Public in and for the county of \_\_\_\_\_, Michigan

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>AUTHORITY:</b> US District Court Order.  <b>COMPLETION:</b> Voluntary.  <b>PENALTY:</b> Unable to withhold information from general public.</p>	<p>The Family Independence Agency will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, political beliefs or disability. If you need help with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are invited to make your needs known to an FIA office in your county.</p>
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