

**IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF CLAIMS**

KELLIE SAUNDERS et al.,
individual UIA Claimants,

Case No. 22-000007-MM

Plaintiffs,

Hon. Brock A. Swartzle

v.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
AGENCY and JULIA DALE, in her
official capacity,

Defendants.

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**December 15, 2022 Joint Status Report on
Implementation of Court's August 11, 2022 Order**

The Agency continues to pursue reasonable, diligent, and available efforts to implement the Court's August 11, 2022 Order.

The project implementation presented to the Court in October continues to proceed on schedule. To date, the Agency has not been able to halt collections as required by the Court's Order.

Implementation is expected to begin the week of December 19, 2022 and the Agency has confirmed that the project implementation plan will suspend all collection activity on overpayments related to claims filed (3/1/2020) going forward until the backlog is complete and the Court agrees to terminate the PI. Current progress is reported on the attached implementation plan report.

Plaintiffs' Counsel has advised the Defendants' Counsel of anticipated areas where implementation may fall short of full compliance and has requested Agency confirmation that the business rules and/or implementation process account for those areas of concern. The Agency is reviewing those areas of concern but Defendants' attorney has not agreed to confer further with the Plaintiffs' Counsel before implementation.

Upon implementation of the Preliminary injunction (currently estimated to be December 21, 2022 through December 22, 2022), the Parties have agreed to confer to discuss submitting a supplemental status report providing preliminary data on number of claimants for whom Collection Activity has been suspended pending Review and Verification as set forth in the Parties' Stipulation and Order regarding the Implementation of Preliminary Injunction.

The Parties will also report whether they are in agreement that the Preliminary Injunction has been effectively implemented or whether a status conference will be necessary.

The Parties continue to work together in good faith to ensure effective implementation of the Court's August 11, 2022 Order at the soonest possible date.

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