

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL MASTER

Gemmell v. Hawkins – C. A. No. 16-350 WES

Report (#17) to the Court

This Report is filed pursuant to Section IV.A.4 of the Order Appointing Special Master. My activities in March have been minimal, and I will submit a time sheet for March and April next month.

The Department of Human Services (“DHS”) again met the SNAP 96% timeliness standard set forth in the consent Agreement in February – 96.2% for expedited applications and 97.4% for non-expedited applications. This means that out of a total of 2959 eligible SNAP applications submitted in January, only 94 were not processed in a timely fashion. DHS has been in compliance with the consent Agreement for 4 out of the last 5 months, and in November 2018, DHS missed the targets by only an average of 1.05%. I expect DHS will continue to be in compliance in the coming months.

With respect to the draft revised application (for all UHIP programs) DHS expects to finish its revisions and submit the application to the federal to the Department of Agriculture (that oversees the SNAP program) for its review and approval in the coming weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Deming E. Sherman

Special Master

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