

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

Stanley Ligas, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	Case No. 05 C 4331
v.)	
)	Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman
Felicia Norwood, et al.,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

AGREED ORDER TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH CONSENT DECREE

This case is before the Court on the parties’ Joint Emergency Motion to Approve Agreed Order. The parties have advised the Court that the State of Illinois has not yet passed a budget appropriation for the State Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2015 (the “FY 2016 budget”). In the absence of a FY 2016 budget appropriation, Defendants will continue to provide all programs, services and personnel required by the Consent Decree (Dkt. #549), including without limitation any Implementation Plans issued pursuant to Section XIII of the Consent Decree approved by this Court on June 15, 2011 (Dkt. #549). It is the position of the Illinois State Comptroller that, without an appropriation, the Comptroller does not have the authority to continue to make payments for current services, programs and personnel that are necessary to maintain compliance with the Consent Decree unless specifically ordered to do so by the Court.

In order to maintain compliance with the Consent Decree, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Until the FY 2016 budget takes effect, the Comptroller shall continue to make all payments for all services, programs and personnel, at a level no less than the levels paid in Fiscal

Year 2015, that are necessary to comply with the Consent Decree and Implementation Plans.

This order shall remain in effect until the effective date of the FY 2016 budget.

2. On or before July 1, 2015, Defendants shall publish this Order by (i) posting it on the DHS website, and (ii) transmitting a copy of the Order to all personnel and to all contractors and providers of services under the Consent Decree, including without limitation any contractors or providers of services that received prior notice of a possible reduction in payments or the reduction in or termination of a contract as the result of the delays in completing a FY 2016 budget appropriation, via email where available and by such other additional means as the Defendants employ for communications to the foregoing persons and entities in their usual course of business.

Dated: June 30, 2015

SO ORDERED

BY: 
United States District Judge