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**IV-D MEMORANDUM 2025-022**

**TO:** All IV-D Staff\*  
**FROM:** Monica S. Bowman, Interim IV-D Director  
Office of Child Support (OCS)  
**DATE:** December 8, 2025

**UPDATE(S):**

- Manual
- Form(s)

**SUBJECT:** Updates to the Use of Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) Custody Status Codes

**ACTION DUE:** None

**POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon receipt

**PURPOSE:**

This IV-D Memorandum announces updates to ensure that the Michigan Child Support Enforcement System (MiCSES) uses the MDOC custody status codes correctly to identify when a payer is incarcerated or released from incarceration. These changes will be implemented in MiCSES with the Child Support 25.4 Release on December 12, 2025.

**DISCUSSION:**

**A. Background**

Michigan law<sup>1</sup> requires the Friend of the Court (FOC) to abate child support by operation of law when a payer is incarcerated for 180 consecutive days or more and does not have the ability to pay support. MiCSES automatically starts the ABATE activity chain<sup>2</sup> for payers incarcerated with the MDOC.

<sup>1</sup> Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 552.517f

<sup>2</sup> Ref: [MiCSES Customer Information Guide: ABATE – Abatement Activity Chain](#).

The December 2023 Child Support Release<sup>3</sup> updated how MiCSES identifies a payer as incarcerated or released from incarceration. These changes were made based on information that MDOC provided to OCS and the MiCSES team.

After the release, MiCSES began identifying a payer as released from incarceration when the MDOC custody status code was “DISCHARGED” or “PAROLED.” However, IV-D workers immediately discovered that some ABATE activity chains were opened in error, and support was abated for some payers who were not incarcerated. This was due to MDOC providing OCS and the MiCSES team an incomplete list of custody status codes.

To correct this issue, OCS and the MiCSES team consulted with MDOC about the custody status codes. MDOC reviewed the list of codes and provided a description of each code. OCS reviewed these codes with members of the Joint Application Design (JAD) group and determined which codes indicated whether a payer was incarcerated or released.

## B. Updated Use of MDOC Custody Status Codes

The Child Support 25.4 Release will update MiCSES’ use of the MDOC custody status codes to correctly identify whether a payer is incarcerated or released. A complete list of codes and their descriptions is in the tables below.

### 1. Incarcerated/Released Status Codes Based on the Payer’s Location

The “HELDUN” and “TRSIN” codes can be used as incarcerated or released based on the location of the payer.

MDOC Custody Status Code	Description	Status Based on Location
HELDUN	Held Under Custody are parolees who are on parole but in custody pending charges.	Incarcerated if the payer’s location does <b>not</b> begin with a “P”
HELDUN	Held Under Custody are parolees who are on parole pending charges.	Released if the payer’s location begins with a “P”
TRSIN	Transfer In is used for a payer’s transfer from one MDOC prison to another MDOC prison.	Incarcerated if the payer’s location does <b>not</b> begin with a “P”
TRSIN	Transfer between offices is used if a payer is on parole in one county and needs to be transferred to another county.	Released if the payer’s location begins with a “P”

<sup>3</sup> Ref: the [Child Support 23.4 Release Notes](#) for additional information.

2. Incarcerated Status Codes

<b>MDOC Custody Status Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
NEWCOMM	New Commitment
RLCRTWR	Released to Court on WRIT; At another location such as county jail
RLTO	Released to Mental Health Hospital/Other Criminal Justice Agencies; in MDOC custody but released to a different physical location
RTCTYJL	Returned from County Jail
RTFRM	Returned From Mental Health Hospital/Other Criminal Justice Agencies
RTFCRT	Returned from Court
RTFESC	Escaper Returned to the Institution
RTPRST	Returned While on Parole Sentenced In Michigan
RTPVT	Returned as Parole Technical Rule Violator
RTREL	Returned from Temporary Release
TEMP-REL	Temporary Release – Outside Hospital/Funerals Only
TMCPJL	Temporarily Housed at County Jail
TRSOUT	Transferred Out – Institutional or Caseload
VISIN	Visitor In – At a temporary location on their way to their final prison location
VISOUT	Visitor Out – Leaves the temporary location on their way to the final prison location

3. Released Status Codes

<b>MDOC Custody Status Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
ABSCON	Absconder is on parole and failed to report to their parole officer
DEAD	Confirmed deceased by certificate of death
DISCH	Discharged and no longer subject to sentence or parole

<b>MDOC Custody Status Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
ESCAPE	Has intentionally and illegally left their place of confinement
OSPAR	Out of State parole officer supervises an offender sentenced in Michigan
OSCTRNS	Supervision caseload for parole is being transferred to another agency or state
PAROLE	Parole is approximately a two-year period unless extended
RELTO	Probationers who were last on Abscond status; not used since 2021
RLBOND	Released after posting bond
RLSINC	Released from Special Alternative Incarceration – Incomplete; Must complete program or be returned to prison
RLCSMP	Released from Special Alternative Incarceration (e.g., bootcamp)
RTFBND	Returned to court from bond

**C. Identifying Affected Cases Before the Child Support 25.4 Release**

The MiCSES team created a process to identify cases in which ABATE activity chain was potentially opened in error and needed to be reviewed. MiCSES staff will continue to notify the affected FOCs to research the cases and close the ABATE chains opened in error. This process will continue until the Child Support 25.4 Release. Therefore, no additional clean-up will be necessary.

**NECESSARY ACTION:**

Retain this IV-D Memorandum until further notice.

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**SUPPORTING REFERENCES:**

Federal

None

State

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

None

**MSB/CMC**

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\* Ref: the [Michigan IV-D Child Support Manual: Introduction and Table of Contents](#) for a definition of IV-D staff.