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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2016

TO: Erin P. Frisch, Director
Office of Child Support

FROM: Nick Lyon, Director

SUBJECT: Delegation of Agency Complaint Filing Authority for the Child Support Program

I delegate my authority as Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to file agency complaints for the establishment of paternity and/or support under Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 552.451b, MCL 722.3(2) and MCL 722.714 to Prosecuting Attorney (PA) staff who perform work under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. Additionally, I request Office of Child Support to formalize the delegation of my authority through the publication of policy under the signature of Erin Frisch, Director of the Office of Child Support.

Until further notice, I approve and authorize:

1. PA staff who perform IV-D work to file agency complaints for child support actions on behalf of children supported in whole or in part by public assistance and for whom a Title IV-D case is open and all of the following have been verified by IV-D staff:

   - The child or children are living with the custodial parent;
   - The non-custodial parent is living separately and away from the custodial parent;
   - The non-custodial parent has refused to provide financial assistance to the custodial parent;
   - The non-custodial parent has sufficient financial ability to provide that assistance;
   - The county in which the custodial parent and children live;
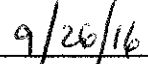   - The custodial parent and/or children are being supported, in whole or in part, by public assistance.

2. The Office of Child Support to issue policy authorizing PA staff who perform IV-D work to file agency complaints when the six criteria listed above have been verified.

Questions concerning this matter may be directed to the Office of Child Support at 517-373-9202.

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Nick Lyon, Director

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