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MICHIGAN IV-D ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2000-007

TO: All Friends of the Court  
All Prosecuting Attorney  
All Child Support Specialist

FROM: Wallace N. Dutkowski, Director  
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RE: Child Support Extradition Policy

Since the implementation of the Child Support Multi-Agency Investigative Team (CSMAIT), along with the increase of state and federal felony arrests, many questions have arisen concerning coverage of extradition costs.

The official guidance for the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement is as follows:

“Under normal circumstances, extradition costs are considered a day-to-day cost of law enforcement. However, if the IV-D agency can determine on a CASE-BY-CASE basis that it has exhausted all other collection efforts and nothing else would work, (making a distinction whether or not the law enforcement officers are otherwise required under State law to conduct extradition and incur expense) – Federal Financial Participation (FFP) would be allowable under those circumstances. We would cite 45 CFR 304.20(b)(3)(iv). As you know, FFP for this type of activity is claimed under terms specified in a cooperative agreement pursuant to 45 CFR 304.21 (Federal Financial Participation in the Cost of Cooperative Arrangements with Courts and Law Enforcement Officials).”

Since local law enforcement is not obligated under state law to retrieve child support offenders in other states, state felony cases crossing state lines may qualify for coverage of extradition costs.

**EXTRADITION CRITERIA**

To be eligible for IV-D funds, cases must meet the following criteria:

1. IV-D case,
2. Non-custodial parent (NCP) located in another state/country, and
3. All possible and reasonable enforcement remedies have been exhausted.

## ENFORCEMENT REMEDIES

Local Friend of the Court Offices must use all of the enforcement remedies available to their staff to attempt collection for the child support case in question. This would include but is not limited to the following:

1. Attempting long arm enforcement (where appropriate),
2. Registering order(s) for enforcement and/or modification in the NCP's last known state of residence and/or state where assets or income are located,
3. Attempting to use income withholding or direct income withholding on known employers.

## EXTRADITION SERVICES

The following are a list of possible sources for extradition services. Counties must price and select the lowest extradition cost available.

**United States Marshal Service (USMS)** – The USMS offers extradition services to counties that have issued a state FELONY warrant and an arrest has been made. If using air transportation, the incarcerated person MUST receive a TB test to protect the safety of USMS staff. Extradition using USMS may take a significant period of time because of the various number of stops necessary for the transport.

Contact Phone Numbers: Eastern District 313-226-4922  
Western District 616-456-2438

**TransCore** – TransCore offers extradition to counties that have issued a state FELONY warrant and an arrest has been made. The incarcerated person does not need a TB test for transport. Locations for pick up may be limited.

Contact Phone Number: 1-800-737-9190

**Other Extradition Services** – If an alternative extradition service is available at a lower cost, that service may be used.

## BILLING

Counties may request reimbursement, using FFP match, by using the current process for expenditures. Counties exceeding their budget will need to make a line item transfer request. Please see Friend of the Court Manual, Chapter 830, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Expenditure Report for billing details.

Note: All payments are subject to both state and federal audit. The Family Independence Agency (FIA) shall adjust future payments or final payment if audit findings indicate over payment to the contractor. If no payments are due or owed to the contractor, the contractor shall refund all amounts which may be due FIA.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can the costs of arraignment and incarceration be covered by IV-D funds?

A: No.

Q: Are uniforms, vehicles, licenses, personal protection equipment, guns, or ammunition covered by IV-D funds?

A: No.

Q: Are training, bonding or processing fees covered by IV-D funds?

A. No.

Obsoleted: Friend of the Court Letter – 81-019  
Prosecuting Attorney Letter - 81-015