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MICHIGAN IV-D ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2005-003

TO: Friends of the Court (FOCs)
Prosecuting Attorneys (PAs)
Office of Child Support (OCS) Staff

FROM: Marilyn F. Stephen, Director
Office of Child Support

DATE: January 12, 2005

SUBJECT: Redirection of Interstate Child Support Payments

PURPOSE:

This Action Transmittal (AT) provides answers to questions posed to OCS policy regarding redirection of interstate child support payments.

BACKGROUND:

On October 22, 2004, OCS sent a mass mailing to all state IV-D agencies requesting redirection of all interstate support payments to the Michigan State Disbursement Unit (MiSDU) as of November 1, 2004. In addition to the mailings, OCS published AT 2004-037 with a duplicate redirection notice attached.

Since the publication of AT 2004-037 OCS has received the following questions regarding the subject of interstate redirection.

Q1: By November 14, 2004, have all state IV-D agencies received a redirect notification from OCS?

A1: Yes, OCS sent redirect notices out to all IV-D agencies on October 22, 2004.

Q2: Should FOC staff continue to receipt interstate payments into Michigan Child Support Enforcement System (MiCSES)?

A2: No, the FOC staff should not receipt any interstate payments locally. If your office receives an interstate payment, the FOC staff may redirect the payment to the MiSDU. The FOC must send the notice attached to AT 2007-037 to the sending state.

Q3: AT 2004-037 directs FOC staff to return misdirected interstate payments back to the sending state. This action will delay support payments from reaching the families. Can FOC staff send the notice attached to the AT to the sending state and send the payment to the MiSDU?

A3: Yes, OCS agrees that FOCs may send non-redirected interstate payments to the MiSDU. Then the FOC must send the notice attached to AT 2007-037 to the sending state.

Q4: If FOC staff have a personal contact in a state that is not redirecting interstate payments can contact be made by phone as well as sending the redirect notice?

A4: Yes.

Q5: How long will FOC staff be required to send the redirection notice after November 14?

A5: If FOC staff are still receiving interstate payments in January 2005, please contact:

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LEGAL REFERENCES:

Federal
42 USC 454 (27)
42 USC 454B

State
MCL 400.236 (2)
MCL 552.509(2)&(3)

POLICY REFERENCE:

AT 2004-037, *Interstate Redirect*

AT MAINTENANCE:

Retain AT until further notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon receipt

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ENCLOSURE:

None

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