## Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Support

# Forgiveness of Your State-Owed Pregnancy and Birth Expenses

January 1, 2025

IV-D Case Number: **99999999**Docket Number: **2019000000** 

Dear John J Doe:

This letter is about the pregnancy and birth expense debt on your child support case. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will no longer require fathers to repay the State of Michigan for expenses paid by Medicaid for the birth of their child(ren).

#### Good News for You!

On January 1, 2025, MDHHS removed any balance you still owe for pregnancy and birth expenses. MDHHS **has forgiven this debt, and you no longer owe this money**. You will not have to make a monthly payment to pay back Medicaid for the birth of your child(ren).

Note: You will not receive a refund for money you paid before January 1, 2025, for pregnancy and birth expenses paid by Medicaid.

### What About Other Money You Owe?

This only affects pregnancy and birth expenses paid by Medicaid. This does not change any other money you may owe to the mother or a guardian, other debts you may owe to the State of Michigan, or fees you may owe. You must continue to pay these as required by your court order. We hope that removing the debt for pregnancy and birth expenses paid by Medicaid will help you meet other payments you must make on this court order.

#### No Action Required

MDHHS has notified the court of the forgiveness of this debt. You do not need to do anything in response. You can see your case balance and other case information from your MiChildSupport account at <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/michildsupport">http://www.michigan.gov/michildsupport</a>. If you have any questions, contact your local Friend of the Court at 877-543-2660.

Thank you, Office of Child Support

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Legal Authorities: <u>42 USC 654(29)</u> Failure to cooperate may result in loss of Family Independence Program benefits for all family members and loss of Medicaid for the noncooperating members. <u>R400.3009 MAC</u> and <u>R400.5008 MAC</u> Failure to cooperate may result in loss of benefits from Child Development and Care and the Food Assistance Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.