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TO: CDRP A/V Center Directors
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SUBJECT: CDRP Access and Visitation Reporting

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support (HHS-OCS) has determined that the eligible access and visitation services relating to mediation include: a) resolving parenting disputes; and, b) developing parenting plans and visitation agreements with the goal of increasing NCP parenting time. Therefore, requests to reduce the time a non-custodial parent has with a child or requests to end child visitation are not allowable.

The ultimate goal, established by HHS-OCS, for the Access and Visitation program is to increase the time the non-custodial parent spends with his or her child(ren). This is determined by comparing the amount of time that the non-custodial parent spends with the child(ren) because of the mediation to the amount of time the non-custodial parent received before mediation. It does not have to increase the time granted by a court order, nor does it have to be equal to or more than the time the parent was originally denied with the child(ren). For example, if a mother was denied an eight hour visitation, and as a result of the mediation the mother was given a three hour visitation, this would be considered an increase in non-custodial parent time with the child(ren). Even though the three hours is less than the denied eight hour visitation, were it not for the mediation the mother would not have received any parenting time, making this an increase in parenting time.

HHS-OCS has determined that permanency planning mediation and grandparenting visitation rights (MCL 722.27b **Order for grandparenting time**) are not eligible mediation services under the access and visitation contract.

HHS-OCS has recently established new program reporting requirements. Most of these changes are cosmetic. These reporting changes will be found on the CDRP A/V Case Detail Report, which is prepared by MADTrac and reported as a part of your quarterly MADTrac bundle. The changes are effective October 1, 2009, and will be included in a MADTrac software update anticipated to be released in the very near future.

Changes made to the form sections include:

Client Referral Source-Two additional referral sources include: “Domestic Violence Agency” and “Child Protection Agency.” It is extremely unlikely that any center will use these categories because Michigan does not have a child protection agency and permanency planning type cases are not appropriate for access and visitation funding. The child protection agency category would most likely be used by an agency providing supervised visitation or counseling services to non-custodial parents.

Client Information-The grandparents and legal guardians categories are now combined. The “Grandparents” label will be changed in the new version of MADTrac, and the old “Legal Guardian” will no longer be available for selection. Until the new version of MADTrac is available, please select “Grandparents” if your case involves grandparents or legal guardians.

Race/Ethnicity-Pacific Islander has been removed from “Asian” and will be grouped with “Native Hawaiian.” The category previously titled “Other” will now be titled “Two or More Races.” The “Unknown” category will no longer be available. Until the new version of MADTrac is available, please choose “Native Hawaiian” if you are serving a client that selects Pacific Islander, and choose “Other” if a client selects more than one category.

Income-“Unknown” will no longer be available.

Client Services Provided-HHS-OCS is also requiring the number of mediation cases which resulted in the development of a parenting plan. An option in MADTrac was the selection of Custody/ Visitation Plan for these types of cases. The compilation of this number will be moved to a different part of the report and will now be titled “Development of Parenting Plan.” If the mediation your center conducts includes the development of a parenting plan, please mark the case disposition as “Mediation” and also select the “Custody/Visitation Plan” box.