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cc: Circuit Court Administrators
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FROM: Elizabeth A. Barber, Trial Court Collections Project Manager

RE: Orders to Remit Prisoner Funds for Fines, Costs, and Assessments

The Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) recently brought to our attention that some courts have been issuing amended judgments of sentence removing court costs and court orders waiving or forgiving court costs. However, if a court has issued an Order to Remit Prisoner Funds for Fines, Costs, and Assessments, and the amount a defendant owes on that original order is eliminated or reduced as a result of any order waiving, forgiving, or removing any financial obligations, then the court must also:

1. rescind the original order to remit prisoner funds if the defendant's balance is eliminated;
or
2. amend the original order to remit prisoner funds if the defendant's balance is reduced.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (517) 373-5895 or BarberB@courts.mi.gov or Melody Wallace at the MDOC at (517) 373-3366 or WallaceM1@michigan.gov.