MICHIGAN IV-D ACTION TRANSMITTAL 2009-009

TO: All Prosecuting Attorney (PA) Staff
    All Friend of the Court (FOC) Staff
    All Office of Child Support (OCS) Staff

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

DATE: March 24, 2009

SUBJECT: Revised DNA – Paternity Testing Questions and Answers Publication
          (DHS Pub. 865)

PURPOSE:

This Action Transmittal (AT) introduces the revised DNA – Paternity Testing Questions and Answers publication (DHS Pub. 865) (Ref: Attachment 1). The OCS Program Development Division (PDD) updated the publication with current program information.

BACKGROUND:

OCS staff are responsible for designing and updating the DHS Pub. 865. This publication answers questions regarding deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) testing done in connection with establishing paternity and obtaining child support. This publication and training services for hospitals and other entities help to satisfy the requirement of 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 303.5(g)(5) to provide written materials about paternity establishment.

PROGRAM ACTIONS AND POLICY INFORMATION:

Changes to the DHS Pub. 865

In spring 2009, OCS PDD staff updated the following DNA testing information in the DHS Pub. 865:

• Cost(s);
• Test accuracy; and
• Definitions of “not-excluded” and “excluded.”
Obtaining Copies of the DHS Pub. 865

IV-D and hospital staff can request copies of the most current version of the DHS Pub. 865 from the:

- Office Services Division
  Department of Human Services
  235 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 203
  Lansing, MI 48909-7978

  Phone: (517) 373-7837

- Office of Child Support
  Suite 1215
  P.O. Box 30478
  Lansing, MI 48909-7978

  Phone: (517) 373-9202

IV-D and hospital staff can also request copies of the DHS Pub. 865 by using the Office of Child Support Publication Order List (Ref: Attachment 2).

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Federal
45 CFR 303.5(g)(5)

State
Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 722.711
MCL 722.714
MCL 722.714a
MCL 722.716
MCL 722.716a

POLICY REFERENCES:
None

AT MAINTENANCE:
Retain AT until further notice.

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Upon receipt.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – DNA – Paternity Testing Questions and Answers (DHS Pub. 865)

Attachment 2 – Office of Child Support Publication Order List

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