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The Honorable Bruce Caswell, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Peter MacGregor, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Caswell and Representative MacGregor:

This report is provided pursuant to the Department of Human Services' (DHS') Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriations Act, PA 59 of 2013, Article X, Section 533(2). This section requires that DHS submit a report on the implementation status of the requirement in Section 533 (1) that the department make payments to child placing facilities for in-home and out-of-home care services and adoption services within 30 days of receiving all necessary documentation from those agencies.

The statewide implementation of MiSACWIS (Michigan Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System) is currently scheduled for late-first quarter of calendar year 2014. An automated payment system was developed and incorporated into MiSACWIS to issue payments within 30 days. This automated payment functionality eliminates the current invoice process that required printing and mailing invoices. Private agencies and child caring institutions will have access to MiSACWIS that will allow them to validate their board and care payments. Private agencies will have automated payment rosters within MiSACWIS to verify the children in their care during specific defined pay periods. The ability to view rosters, placements, payment requests and payment histories will be available to their profiled agencies within the system.

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Johnson, MiSACWIS Project Office business director, at (517) 335-2835.

Sincerely,

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