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The Honorable Peter MacGregor, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Earl Poleski, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator MacGregor and Representative Poleski:

This report is provided pursuant to the Department of Human Services' (DHS') Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations Act, PA 252 of 2014, Article X, Section 533 (2). This section requires that DHS submit a report on the status of the implementation and operation to 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.

Private agencies and child caring institutions now have access to the Michigan Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (MiSACWIS) for payment of out-of-home care services. The department has and will continue to partner with private agencies to provide technical assistance, training and reports to system users to improve utilization of the financial aspects of MiSACWIS and ensure timely payment for services rendered.

Payments for in-home care (trial reunification program) and adoption services payments have not yet been incorporated into MiSACWIS but are planned for implementation during fiscal year 2015. DHS plans to partner with the agencies to provide technical assistance and training components for a smooth transition with this implementation. Until that time, those two payment types are still paid through processes that require manual submission of documentation from service providers and manual review and verification of the documentation by DHS field staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathe Hoover, Adoption and Guardianship manager, at (517) 241-8817.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Kangas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Susan Kangas
Chief Financial Officer