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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 31, 2016

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors

**FROM:** Norma Jean Sass *njs*  
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

*TR* Tom Renwick, Director, Bureau of Community Based Services  
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

**SUBJECT:** Michigan's Family Support Subsidy Program

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is responsible for the administration of Public Act 249 of 1983, the Family Support Subsidy (FSS) program. This program provides a monthly subsidy to families that include a child with a qualifying developmental disability (and meeting age and income requirements). Public Act 249 requires that MDHHS consult with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in the identification of educationally eligible children.

Michigan Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs) are charged with determining the FSS educational eligibility of a child utilizing criteria found in the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education. Families applying for or renewing their child's FSS are required to contact their child's school and authorize the sharing of necessary documentation directly with the CMHSP. An educational eligibility checklist has been developed to simplify the transfer of information. It can be found here at Education Eligibility Checklist 1-16. Please note: it must be printed on school letterhead and include a school authority name and signature. Please share this memorandum and checklist with appropriate special education staff.

Your assistance in directing potentially eligible families to the FSS program is appreciated. FSS brochures can be ordered by contacting any CMHSP or by calling the state office at 517-241-5774. An electronic copy can be found here at [Brochure FSS 2016 Final](#).

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Questions regarding the FSS program may be directed to local CMHSP, FSS coordinators. The listing can be found here at CMHSP Contact List 4-1-16. You may also contact the state level FSS office at 517-241-5774 with questions.

Questions regarding special education programs and services may be directed to the MDE Office of Special Education by phone 888-320-8384 or e-mail to [mde-ose@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-ose@michigan.gov).

Attachments

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

**Suggested** Language to Report a Student's Educational Eligibility Category  
& Programming for Michigan's Family Support Subsidy Program

**Must be printed on school stationery and include a school authority signature at bottom of page.**

DATE:

TO: (Insert name of the Community Mental Health Services Program)

FROM: (Insert school authority name along with the name of the Public School, Intermediate School District, Local Educational Agency or Public School Academy providing this information)

SUBJECT: Information Needed to Determine Educational Eligibility for Michigan's Family Support Subsidy Program  
Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This student is eligible for special education under the eligibility category of:

Cognitive Impairment (CI) R 340.1705  
If the eligibility category is cognitive impairment, does the latest intellectual assessment show development at a rate of 4.5 or more standard deviations below the mean?  
 **Yes**     **No**

Severe Multiple Impairment (SXI) R 340.1714

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) R 340.1715  
If the student's educational eligibility category is ASD, please verify programming by checking one of the following options:  
 R 340.1738 Programs for Students with Severe Cognitive Impairment  
 R 340.1748 Programs for Students with Severe Multiple Impairments  
 R 340.1758(a) or (b) Programs for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder  
 Student's Resource Room program (Elementary R 340.1749a, Secondary R 340.1749b) meets the requirements of R 340.1758(b)  
 Student's Early Childhood Special Education program (R 340.1754) meets the requirements of R 340.1758(b)  
 Student's Early Childhood Special Education Services (R 340.1755) meets the requirements of R 340.1758(b)  
 Student's Individualized Family Service Plan (R 340.1862) meets the requirements of R 340.1758(b)  
 Student's mild (R 340.1740) or moderate (R 340.1739) Cognitive Impairment program meets the requirements of R 340.1758(b)  
 ISD Plan Content Areas (R 340.1832) This student is receiving special education services through an approved ISD plan. This plan meets the requirements of R 340.1758(b)

Student's educational programming does not meet any of the above criteria

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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