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Over the last two years, MAHS has been examining all expenditures in the entire system including staffing levels, contractual services and facilities. Our goal throughout this process has been to balance the needs of our customers with our available resources and construct the most fair, efficient and customer centric delivery system possible.

We are currently in the process of decreasing staffing levels and reducing our contractual service expenditures. Facility expenditures must now be addressed. We are in the process of collapsing the two Saginaw offices (unemployment and workers' compensation) into one office in the Hart Building. To further reduce costs, we will be closing the Flint Workers' Compensation office.

MAHS is in a position where we have to reduce all of our expenditures and, when considering current lease obligations, the overall state goal of reducing private leases and the proximity of other geographic locations in the state (with the capacity to handle the number of files pending in Flint), the ultimate decision was made that the Flint Workers' Compensation office would be closed following the expiration of the 90-day lease cancellation clause.

It is anticipated that appropriate notices will be sent to the parties of record on all pending cases advising them of the change in location for their hearing. Cases that arose/arise in Lapeer County will be transferred to the MAHS Pontiac hearings office and cases that arose/arise in Genesee County will be transferred to the MAHS Dimondale hearings office. Our goal is to have the transfer complete with hearings beginning in the new locations in December 2012.

We regret any disruption that this change will cause, but MAHS will be working towards making this transition as easy and seamless as possible.

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