

### **DIRECT PAY POLICY**

Michigan Court Rules require that payment of child support shall be made through the Friend of the Court {MCR 3.209 (B)(2)}. Direct payment of child support from the payer to the payee will be permitted only upon written stipulation of both parties and only if the custodial parent does not obtain public assistance. If both parties stipulated to direct pay, enforcement of child support will not be available through the Friend of the Court. However, upon written request of either party, the Friend of the Court will become involved in all future child support enforcement activity. No subsequent stipulations for direct pay will be accepted and all Friend of the Court services will be implemented. Therefore, if either party in a direct pay case requests a review of child support, the Friend of the Court will commence collection and enforcement. Enforcement will not be retroactive during the period of direct pay.