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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 16, 2018  
TO: Friend of the Court Offices  
FROM: Elizabeth A. Stomski, Management Analyst  
RE: Certified Orders in Electronic Document Exchange

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The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) 2008 (MCL 552.2101, et al.) requires interstate child support staff to provide certified copies of court orders to other states or jurisdictions in an interstate child support case.

Effective August 27, 2018, Michigan will be joining 29 states in using the Office of Child Support Enforcement's Electronic Document Exchange (EDE) application. The EDE is a secure way for states to electronically exchange interstate child support forms and other child support documents – including court orders. States participating in the EDE will send all documentation through the EDE, and will no longer send copies of any interstate documentation via hard copy. States that are not participating in the EDE will continue to transmit and receive all intergovernmental child support forms and orders as hard copies sent through the US Mail.

When a state participates in the EDE, it will not be possible to tell if a court order is certified when the other state uses a raised seal as part of its certification. Therefore, EDE states must provide alternative proof that its order is certified. If a sending state does not provide alternative proof of certification, interstate workers can verify the certification of the court orders by contacting the sending court.

Michigan courts will need to provide proof to other EDE states that a court order is certified. Many electronic document management systems (EDMS) include certification language that can be added to a court order. If the court is not on an EDMS, or the court's EDMS is not equipped to electronically certify court orders, courts will need to include SCAO form MC 202, "[Certification of Records/Attestation of Exemplified Copies](#)" with the court order to comply with UIFSA 2008 and EDE requirements.

To determine if a particular state is participating in the EDE, please see the Office of Child Support's IV-D Memorandum regarding the EDE, or refer to the Federal Child Support Portal's "EDE State Status Map and Information" document.

If a court or IV-D office has questions regarding electronic transmission of certified court orders, please contact Elizabeth Stomski at [stomskie@courts.mi.gov](mailto:stomskie@courts.mi.gov).