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## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

In the matter of: The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Proposed Standard on Indigency and Contribution

Issued and entered this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021

## NOTICE AND ORDER APPROVING STANDARD ON INDIGENCY AND CONTRIBUTION

- 1. MCL 780.985 outlines the procedure for the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) to propose standards for the local delivery of indigent criminal defense services and for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to approve or reject those standards.
- 2. MCL 780.985(4) requires the MIDC to convene a public hearing on the standards. Following a public comment period, the MIDC held a public hearing on the indigency and contribution standard on September 15, 2020.
- 3. After the hearing and public comment, the MIDC finalized the standard and submitted to LARA for consideration on October 20, 2020.
- 4. MCL 780.985(4) provides that a proposed standard is final once approved by LARA.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT

Following review of the standard and public comment, the MIDC's Proposed Standard on INDIGENCY and CONTRIBUTION is hereby **APPROVED** by LARA. The MIDC shall mail notice to indigent criminal defense systems pursuant to MCL 780.985(5). Indigent criminal defense systems shall have 180 days from the date of this order to submit compliance plans to the MIDC pursuant to MCL 780.993(3).

## **Petition for Review**

MCL 780.985(5) gives indigent criminal defense systems the ability to file a petition for review to determine whether the approved minimum standard is authorized by law. This petition must be filed in the Court of Claims within 60 days after the date of mailing notice of this Order on the recommended minimum standards.

Orlene Hawks, Director

October 28, 2021 Date

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