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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY	ORDER APPOINTING PERSON TO REVIEW / INVESTIGATE GUARDIANSHIP	CASE NO. and JUDGE

Court address **Court telephone no.**

In the matter of _____ (First, middle, and last name), ☐ a minor ☐ a minor Indian child ☐ a legally incapacitated individual

1. It appears to the court that a review/investigation of this guardianship is required.

IT IS ORDERED:

☐ 2. For guardianship of the legally incapacitated individual,

_____
Name (type or print)

_____
Address

_____
City, state, zip Telephone no.

is appointed to review this guardianship, to visit with the incapacitated individual, and to report to the court.
(may use PC 636 to report to court)
The review shall be completed and a report filed with the court no later than _____ (Date).

☐ 3. For guardianship of the minor,

_____
Name (type or print)

_____
Address

_____
City, state, zip Telephone no.

☐ The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

_____
Address

_____
City, state, zip Telephone no.

is appointed to investigate and to report to the court regarding:

☐ the proposed full guardianship under MCL 700.5204(2) as required by MCR 5.404(A)(2).
☐ a review of the guardianship in reference to the factors stated in MCL 700.5207(1). (may use PC 655 to report to court)
☐ the petition to modify or terminate the guardianship, including reference to the best interests of the minor as applicable.
☐ whether a petition has been filed with the family division of circuit court, and if not, why not.
☐ the proposed limited guardianship under MCL 700.5205 as required by MCR 5.404(A)(2).

The appointed investigator must complete the investigation, file a written report with the court, and serve the report on any interested persons under MCR 5.125 no later than _____ (Date (7 days before the hearing on the petition)).

_____
Judge name (type or print)

_____
Judge signature and date

DEFINITION

"Best Interests of the Minor" [MCL 700.5101(a)(i-xii)]

As used in minor guardianship proceedings, "best interests of the minor" means the sum total of the following factors to be considered, evaluated, and determined by the court. You must address each of these factors in your report to the court.

1. The love, affection, and other emotional ties existing between the parties involved and the child.

2. The capacity and disposition of the parties involved to give the child love, affection, and guidance and to continue educating and raising the child in the child's religion or creed, if any.

3. The capacity and disposition of the parties involved to provide the child with food, clothing, medical care or other remedial care recognized and permitted under the laws of this state in place of medical care, and other material needs.

4. The length of time the child has lived in a stable, satisfactory environment, and the desirability of maintaining continuity.

5. The permanence, as a family unit, of the existing or proposed custodial home.

6. The moral fitness of the parties involved.

7. The mental and physical health of the parties involved.

8. The home, school, and community record of the child.

9. The reasonable preference of the child, if the court deems the child to be of sufficient age to express preference.

10. The party's willingness and ability to facilitate and encourage a close and continuing parent-child relationship between the child and his or her parent or parents.

11. Domestic violence regardless of whether the violence is directed against or witnessed by the child.

12. Any other factor considered by the court to be relevant to a particular dispute regarding termination of a guardianship, removal of a guardian, or parenting time.