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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 23, 2023

TO: Circuit Court Judges of TCS Courts
Circuit Court Administrators of TCS Courts

FROM: Thomas P. Boyd, State Court Administrator

RE: MIDC Data Capture

The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) is tasked with developing, tracking, and enforcing standards to improve legal representation for indigent criminal defendants in the state of Michigan. The State Court Administrative Office and its Judicial Information Services (JIS) have a long history of partnering with local prosecutors and the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan on data integration. Our relatively new partnership with the MIDC is similarly committed to maintenance of an efficient and effective criminal justice data infrastructure.

The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act, MCL 780.981, et seq, requires the MIDC to collect information to ensure that each funding unit is meeting minimum standards of implementation of their local compliance plan. This data collection is a requirement of the MIDC grant that funds each compliance plan and all funding units must provide this information to MIDC. Of the total data requirements, a few components are most accurately collected by courts. We strongly support collection of accurate data to demonstrate local compliance to statute and MIDC standards. To facilitate collection of these data, the MIDC recommends the following two codes.

COPD	Represented by appointed counsel <i>following</i> arraignment
APDN	Appointed counsel (post-arraignment) was requested but denied

JIS standardized the first of these codes, COPD, to the TCS case management system in August 2022. The second code, APDN, will be standardized to TCS sometime in 2023, and can be created individually by courts in the meantime. Use of these codes should be incorporated in the courts' processes for updating the case management system throughout the life of a case. It should be noted that the tracking of these two data points represents a substantial decrease in the data points

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that circuit courts were previously required to track. This reduction is due to new standards that allow defense administrators to track more of this information themselves, among other reasons.

JIS is providing instructions and knowledgebase articles with information on managing 4-character codes from JIS Service Desk Portal found [here](#).

For questions about when to use a specific code or the changes in required codes, please contact Jonah Siegel (SiegelJ2@michigan.gov) at the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission.