

# Order

Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan

September 15, 2021

Bridget M. McCormack,  
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2020-08

Amendment of Rule  
6.425 of the Michigan  
Court Rules

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On order of the Court, the following amendment of Rule 6.425 of the Michigan Court Rules is adopted, retroactive to July 26, 2021.

[Additions to the text are indicated in underlining and  
deleted text is shown by strikeover.]

Rule 6.425 Sentencing; Appointment of Appellate Counsel

(A)-(G) [Unchanged.]

(H) Notwithstanding any other provision in this rule, until further order of the Court, if the defendant is indigent, a request for the appointment of appellate counsel under MCR 6.425(F)(3) must be granted if it is received by the trial court or the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System (MAACS) within six months after sentencing. This provision applies to all cases in which sentencing took place on or after~~between~~ March 24, 2020 ~~and June 15, 2021~~.

*Staff Comment:* The amendment of MCR 6.425 corrects a provision from this Court's July 26, 2021 order that rescinded pandemic-related administrative orders and instead reformatted the substantive provision into court rule format. This court rule provision is now consistent with the last version of Administrative Order No. 2020-21 prior to its rescission.

The staff comment is not an authoritative construction by the Court. In addition, adoption of an amendment in no way reflects a substantive determination by this Court.



I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

September 15, 2021

Clerk