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MEMORANDUM

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**TO: COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER DIRECTORS
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FROM: TIM YOUNG, OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER

RE: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE/AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY FORM

Effective today, the Office of the Ohio Public Defender is publishing on its website, www.opd.ohio.gov, a revised Financial Disclosure/Affidavit of Indigency form, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 120-1-03. This is a modified version of the form released in August 2011, which we hope will address some of the problems presented by that version.

You may begin to use this new form at any time; however, use of the form will be mandated for appointments made beginning April 1, 2012. If this form is not used for appointments made on or after April 1, 2012, requests for reimbursement may be delayed or denied.

Any office seeking to use a different form must submit that form to OPD before March 1, 2012 for review. However, the presumption by my office will be *against* allowing variances from the affidavit published today.

Versions of the form in languages other than English will be released as we are able to secure the assistance of translators. You may continue to use the most recent non-

English versions of the form that are available, until a translated version of this form is made available.

The revised form and instructions are attached to this email, and are available on the OPD website, www.opd.ohio.gov. The recently-updated Indigent Client Eligibility Guidelines, based on the 2012 poverty guidelines, are also available on our website.

Should you have questions, please contact Reimbursement Administrator Kathryn Smith, at (614) 466-5394.

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