

Dear Sir/Madam – a 2010 survey conducted by the National Council of Child Support Directors indicated that at that time, your state pursued the recovery of some portion of Medicaid supported birthing costs from non-custodial fathers. As you are aware, this practice is allowed under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. ABC for Health, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin is a nonprofit public interest law firm conducting a follow-up survey of Child Support Agencies within the nine states who at some level pursued birth cost recovery in 2010 to determine if state policy has changed. We are doing this via the Open Records/Freedom of Information policy among the nine individual states. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in responding to the few questions below.

1. Does your state continue to pursue recovery of MA supported birthing costs from non-custodial parents? Yes

2. If yes, could you share the total dollars recovered for the year 2015? \$313, 018.33

3. Does your state sanction mothers on medical assistance for non-cooperation, that is failing to identify the father of their child, by revoking MA benefits after the birth? Yes

4. If yes, could you share the total number of women sanctioned in 2015? The way our system is set up it has proven difficult to determine the total number of women sanctioned for failing to identify the father of their child.

5. Please share your name and contact information. Would you be amenable to a quick follow-up phone call? I would be happy to accommodate a follow-up call.

Thank you for your assistance and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this issue.

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