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Thomas Sieger
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Dear Mr. Sieger:

I am writing in response to your inquiry submitted via email on Sept. 19, 2017, requesting the following: "1. Does your state continue to pursue recovery of MA supported birthing costs from non-custodial parents? 2. If yes, could you share the total dollars recovered for the year 2015? 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? 4. If yes, could you share the total number of women sanctioned in 2015? 5. Please share your name and contact information. Would you be amenable to a quick follow-up phone call?"

In regard to your request, we have included answers each individual question.

Question 1 — "Does your state continue to pursue recovery of MA supported birthing costs from non-custodial parents?" **The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) continues to pursue recovery of older medical judgements, but has not received any new judgement in the last two years.**

Question 2 — "If yes, could you share the total dollars recovered for the year 2015?" **In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015, \$1,315,421 was recovered and sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015, \$1,183,330 was recovered and sent to KDHE. During calendar year 2015, \$1,112,217 was recovered and sent to KDHE.**

Question 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?" **No.**

Question 4 — "If yes, could you share the total number of women sanction in 2015?" **Not available, see question three.**

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Question 5 — “Please share your name and contact information. Would you be amenable to a quick follow-up phone call?” **Please contact Director of Child Support Services Trisha Thomas. Her contact information is below.**

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We will now consider your KORA request with DCF closed. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa Freed".

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