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Glenn Copeland, Director
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Dear Mr. Copeland:

I have reviewed your memo of April 26, 2013 requesting that Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) be designated as reportable to the state birth defects registry when diagnosed up to and including the age of twelve years.

Given that FASDs are severe and entirely preventable conditions and given that the diagnoses falling under the umbrella term of FASD are very difficult to make in children age two or younger, limiting the reporting of FASD to children diagnosed at the age of two years or younger cannot be expected to result in accurate information on the prevalence of FASD in Michigan. It is also clear that accurate information on FASD is important to our understanding of the prevalence of this condition, to measure trends in FASD and to develop programs to address the prevention of FASD, the special needs of children born with FASD and to evaluate the effectiveness of such programs.

In accordance with your request, I hereby designate, under the authority of Administrative Rule 325.9072(2), that the diagnosis of a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in a child aged 12 or younger is reportable to the state birth defects registry.

I also designate, under the authority of Administrative Rule 325.9072(3), that the diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, in addition to being reportable by Michigan hospitals, is also reportable by physicians, health clinics, and other health professionals or health facilities involved in the diagnosis or treatment of children with FASD.

Cordially,

James K. Haveman
Director