



**ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

Fiscal Services Division/Reimbursement Unit  
Department of Management and Budget



OAKLAND  
COUNTY MICHIGAN

OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE DAVID COULTER

MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

FISCAL SERVICES DIVISION  
REIMBURSEMENT UNIT

**REIMBURSEMENT SECTIONS:**

CIRCUIT COURT 248-858-0506  
PROBATE/FAMILY COURT 248-858-1130

February 17, 2023

Honorable David Coulter  
County Executive  
2100 Pontiac Lake Road  
Executive Office Building, Department 409  
Waterford, MI 48328

Dear Mr. Coulter:

Submitted herewith is the Fiscal Services Division-Reimbursement Unit Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022, covering the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Total collections for the Circuit Court, Family Court, and Administration/Probate Court Sections (including credits for Community Service) for fiscal year 2022 were \$8,212,422.. Expenditures for this unit were \$3,274,150 resulting in a collection/expense ratio of \$2.51 collected for every dollar expended. Prior year's information for comparison purposes is included in this report.

This unit will continue to review polices, improve procedures in an effort to increase collections and investigate new areas of collections for the future. The activities of the Fiscal Services Division- Reimbursement Unit for fiscal year 2022 are presented for your review.

Kyle Jen-Director  
Department of Management & Budget

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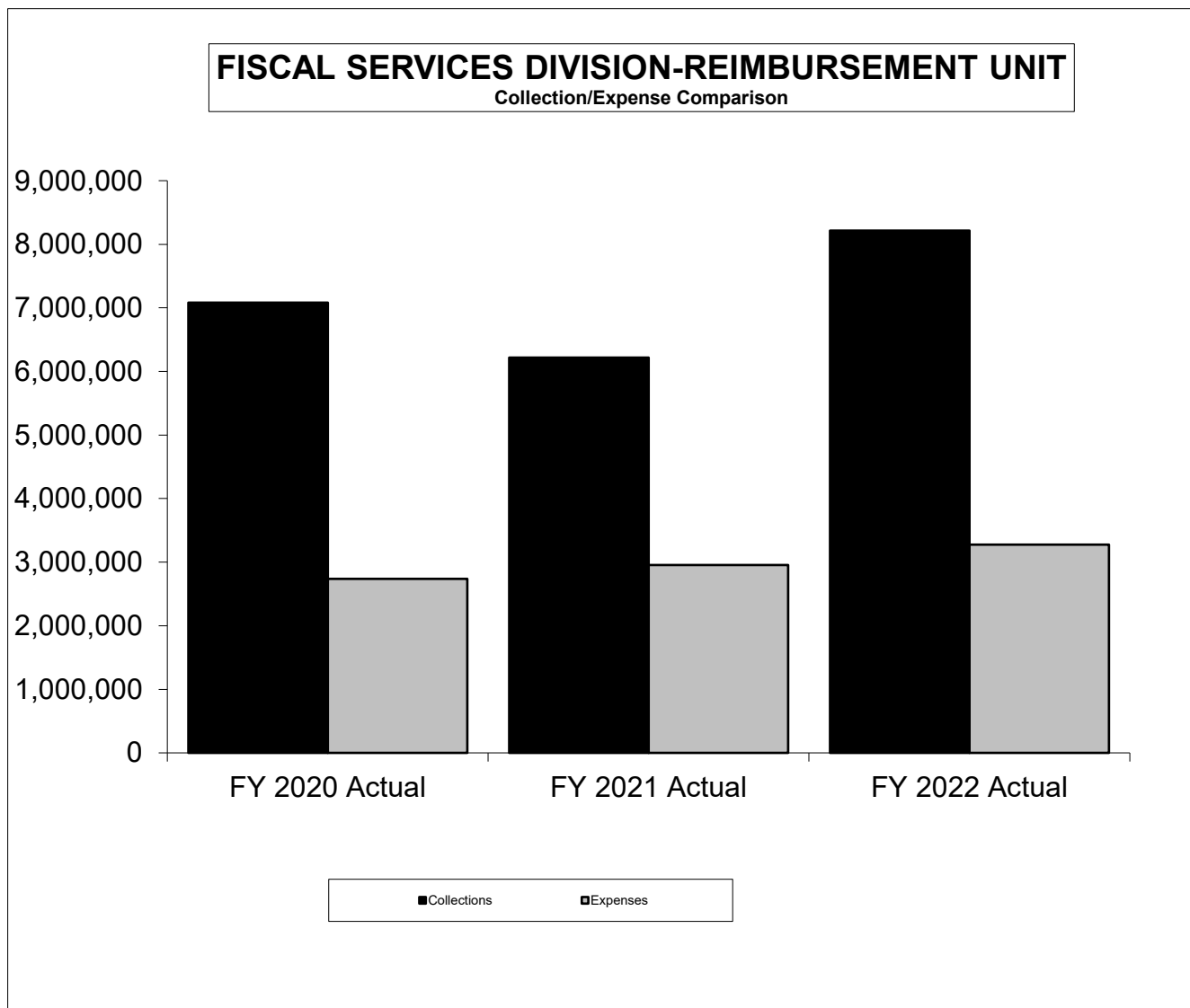
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**FISCAL SERVICES DIVISION-REIMBURSEMENT UNIT  
FISCAL YEAR 2022 ANNUAL REPORT  
COLLECTION / EXPENSE COMPARISON STATEMENT**

	<u>FY 2020 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2021 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2022 Actual</u>
Salaries & Fringes	\$ 2,116,422	\$ 2,340,201	\$ 2,555,498
Operating Expenses	<u>619,835</u>	<u>612,562</u>	<u>718,652</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 2,736,257	\$ 2,952,763	\$ 3,274,150
Total Collections	\$ 6,885,718	\$ 6,137,938	\$ 8,209,805
Community Service Credits	<u>194,381</u>	<u>80,440</u>	<u>2,617</u>
Total Collections & Credits	<u>\$ 7,080,099</u>	<u>\$ 6,218,378</u>	<u>\$ 8,212,422</u>
Collection/Expense Ratio	\$ 2.59	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.51



## Three-Year Summary Comparison Statement - Collections vs Expenses

	Collections		
	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020
<b>Circuit Court-General Jurisdiction Division:</b>			
Restitution**	\$ 3,629,099	\$ 2,153,716	\$ 2,173,531
Court Costs***	279,877	237,703	400,833
Attorney Fees (includes appeal attorney fees)	1,715,014	1,097,241	1,115,569
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	329,370	300,710	306,233
Fines	189,816	182,379	239,132
Forensic Lab Fees/DNA*	35,739	31,952	45,088
Extradition Fees	2,047	458	4,779
Community Service Fees	75	-	-
State Minimum Costs*	301,298	263,111	282,301
Fingerprinting Fees	1,154	1,892	2,459
Late Penalty	154,878	116,263	156,953
Cost of Prosecution	500	100	104
Bond Forfeiture	17,372	26,067	35,420
Adult Treatment Court	8,174	3,576	4,949
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,664,413</b>	<b>\$ 4,415,168</b>	<b>\$ 4,767,351</b>
<b>Circuit Court-Family Division:</b>			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$ 678,339	\$ 709,373	\$ 840,756
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	214,257	210,623	240,509
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	60,247	74,354	122,726
Probation Service Fees	62,002	73,844	94,904
Attorney Fees	224,548	219,338	306,534
State Juvenile Maintenance	36,790	125,459	116,004
Restitution**	42,600	63,803	91,195
Clinical Evaluations	22,454	22,553	23,347
Court Costs	9,607	10,593	22,529
Traffic Service Fees	3,700	3,050	1,555
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	4,103	4,248	5,121
State Minimum Costs*	9,864	9,916	17,793
Forensic Lab Fees/DNA*	504	720	1,095
Children's Village Aftercare	-	100	499
Youth Assistance Fees	3,100	1,745	2,775
Jail Tour Fees	499	682	2,217
Chemical Dependence Inventory Fees	1,312	739	1,682
Diversions Fees	1,699	930	3,380
Family Court-Other	3,808	49	436
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,379,433</b>	<b>\$ 1,532,119</b>	<b>\$ 1,895,057</b>
<b>Administration/Probate Court:</b>			
Clerk Fees	\$ 41,965	\$ 53,125	\$ 56,323
Domestic Evaluations	100	452	1,580
Domestic Guardian Ad Litem	1,100	118	778
Mental Health Attorney Fees	26,277	29,343	25,112
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 69,442</b>	<b>\$ 83,038</b>	<b>\$ 83,793</b>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Tax Intercept Fees	\$ 68,708	\$ 81,765	\$ 107,211
Mileage Fees/Service Fees	5,640	7,243	12,868
Recovery Fees for Returned Checks	408	623	811
Filing Fees	16,225	12,441	12,817
Miscellaneous	4,030	4,303	4,385
Reimbursement of Postage Expense	1,506	1,238	1,425
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 96,517</b>	<b>\$ 107,613</b>	<b>\$ 139,517</b>
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 8,209,805</b>	<b>\$ 6,137,938</b>	<b>\$ 6,885,718</b>
Community Service Credits	\$ 2,617	\$ 80,440	\$ 194,381
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,212,422</b>	<b>\$ 6,218,378</b>	<b>\$ 7,080,099</b>
Reimbursement Unit Expenses:	\$ 3,274,150	\$ 2,952,763	\$ 2,736,257
Collection/Expense Ratio:	\$ 2.51	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.59

\*DNA and Forensic Lab Fees were replaced with State Minimum Costs effective October 1, 2003 (2003 Public Act 70-79, 95-102, 138).

2014 Public Act 458 requires DNA to be ordered for any conviction/plea/adjudication meeting specified criteria effective July 1, 2015.

\*\*FY 2020 includes three large restitution payments totaling \$106,481.60 for Circuit and \$15,000 for Family Court.

FY 2020 also includes additional 8 payments of \$1200 per child, \$9,600 in Economic Impact Payments also received .

\*\*\*Recent decisions and general direction of the Michigan appellate courts is causing a decrease in the amount of Circuit court costs assessed/collected.

COVID Pandemic begins-March 2020

## REPORT OF TRANSACTION ACTIVITY

	Transactions		
	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020
<b>Circuit Court-General Jurisdiction Division:</b>			
Restitution	14,555	14,822	14,637
Court Costs	2,723	2,703	4,154
Attorney Fees	14,936	13,199	13,985
Attorney Fees-Appeal	84	7	-
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	10,598	11,571	11,501
Fines	1,199	1,315	1,637
Forensic Lab Fees/DNA	2,550	2,106	2,883
Extradition Fees	21	11	12
Community Service Fees	1	-	-
State Minimum Costs	6,915	7,787	7,568
Fingerprinting Fees	36	43	50
Late Penalty	2,139	1,543	2,229
Cost of Prosecution	10	3	2
Bond Forfeiture	154	231	181
Adult Treatment Court	91	42	65
Total	<u>56,012</u>	<u>55,383</u>	<u>58,904</u>
<b>Circuit Court-Family Division:</b>			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	14,057	16,126	17,288
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	7,927	8,571	9,889
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	384	385	479
Probation Service Fees	748	924	1,198
Attorney Fees	1,779	2,242	3,184
State Juvenile Maintenance	1,151	1,422	1,537
Restitution	424	428	612
Clinical Evaluations	259	201	296
Court Costs	276	265	595
Traffic Service Fees	35	54	26
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	129	133	192
State Minimum Costs	171	164	238
Forensic Lab Fees/DNA	33	36	60
Children's Village Aftercare	-	4	10
Youth Assistance Fees	116	72	110
Jail Tour Fees	14	15	50
Chemical Dependence Inventory Fees	82	67	103
Diversions Fees	16	10	34
Family Court-Other	69	6	8
Total	<u>27,670</u>	<u>31,125</u>	<u>35,909</u>
<b>Administration/Probate Court:</b>			
Clerk Fees	426	592	641
Domestic Evaluations	1	5	14
Domestic Guardian Ad Litem	5	2	12
Mental Health Attorney Fees	419	441	386
Total	<u>851</u>	<u>1,040</u>	<u>1,053</u>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Tax Intercept Fees	1,234	1,355	1,807
Mileage Fees/Service Fees	262	345	624
Recovery Fees for Returned Checks	24	29	38
Filing Fees	1,876	1,507	1,622
Miscellaneous	11	20	15
Reimbursement of Postage Expense	175	141	164
Total	<u>3,582</u>	<u>3,397</u>	<u>4,270</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u><u>88,115</u></u>	<u><u>90,945</u></u>	<u><u>100,136</u></u>

## CIRCUIT COURT ACCOUNTS

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020
<b>Accounts:</b>			
Court Costs	\$ 279,877	\$ 237,703	\$ 400,833
Attorney Fees	1,701,907	1,093,399	1,115,569
Attorney Fees-Appeal	13,107	3,842	-
Extradition Fees	2,047	458	4,779
Community Service Fees	75	-	-
Forensic Lab Fees-County Share	437	180	123
Forensic Lab Fees-Prosecutor	437	180	123
DNA-Court Share	2,699	2,835	4,263
Fingerprinting Fees	1,154	1,892	2,459
Late Penalty	154,878	116,263	156,953
Cost of Prosecution	500	100	104
Bond Forfeiture	17,372	26,067	35,420
Adult Treatment Court	8,174	3,576	4,949
Total	\$ 2,182,664	\$ 1,486,495	\$ 1,725,575
<b>Trust Accounts:</b>			
Restitution	\$ 3,629,099	\$ 2,153,716	\$ 2,173,531
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	329,370	300,710	306,233
State Minimum Costs	301,298	263,111	282,301
DNA-State Share	17,549	18,426	27,712
DNA-Municipalities Share	6,749	7,087	10,658
Forensic Lab Fees-State Share	7,868	3,245	2,211
Fines	189,816	182,379	239,132
Total	\$ 4,481,749	\$ 2,928,674	\$ 3,041,778
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED</b>	\$ 6,664,413	\$ 4,415,169	\$ 4,767,353

**The Circuit Court Section of the Fiscal Services Division-Reimbursement Unit is responsible for collection of all funds ordered by the Circuit Court.**

**For fiscal year 2022 there were 5,936 restitution payments made to the victims of crime for a total of \$2,417,030.36.**

**On October 30, 1989, Public Act 196 became effective requiring each defendant to pay a fee for the Crime Victim's Rights Fund. These funds are collected on behalf of the State; the County is authorized to retain an administrative fee. The County retains 10% of the amount collected for administrative costs.**

**\*A program requiring a defendant's bond to be applied toward costs assessed by the Court resulted in the recovery of \$152,563.91. The County started, in 2005, to submit Orders to Remit Prisoner Funds to the state prisons as allowed under MCL 791.220h. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office, under House Bill 4588, started remitting prisoner funds for restitution in January 2006. A total of \$1,797,699.15 was collected under these programs in fiscal year 2022.**

## CIRCUIT COURT ACCOUNTS

### REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020
<b>Cost to Oakland County:</b>			
Regular Cases	\$ 3,389,963	\$ 2,915,076	\$ 2,147,307
Appellate Cases	106,848	198,895	164,417
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,496,811</b>	<b>\$ 3,113,971</b>	<b>\$ 2,311,724</b>
Regular Attorney Fees	\$ 1,701,907	\$ 1,093,399	\$ -
Appellate Attorney Fees**	\$ 13,107	\$ 3,842	\$ -
Combined Attorney Fees	\$ 1,715,014	\$ 1,097,241	\$ 1,115,569
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED</b>	<b>\$ 1,715,014</b>	<b>\$ 1,097,241</b>	<b>\$ 1,115,569</b>
Percent Recovered *	49.0%	35.2%	48.3%

**Defendants represented by a court-appointed attorney are ordered to repay the County for services provided. It was determined by the SCAO in July 2015 that appellate court-appointed attorney fees could no longer be ordered or collected. Effective August 2017, the Court implemented a new order making defendants responsible for appellate attorney fees on some cases.**

**\*Court proceedings reduced due to COVID Pandemic, but collections on existing cases continued.**

**\*\*Beginning 10/26/20, separation of regular attorney fees and appellate fees ordered for MIDC reporting.**

### COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020
<b>Community Service Credits:</b>			
Attorney Fees	\$ 2,417	\$ 66,495	\$ 132,257
Court Costs	200	13,944	62,124
	\$ -		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$ 2,617</b>	<b>\$ 80,439</b>	<b>\$ 194,381</b>
Community Service Fees Collected	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL CREDITS AND FEES</b>	<b>\$ 2,692</b>	<b>\$ 80,439</b>	<b>\$ 194,381</b>

**The Court Community Service Program has provided the courts with an alternative means of enforcing monetary orders against indigent defendants rather than imposing costly jail sentences. Defendants provide labor hours and receive credits which reduce court-ordered fees. These credits have significantly decreased during the Pandemic, as many organizations are not accepting defendants to do community service.**

**In 1996, a community service fee was authorized to be assessed for individuals involved in the program to supplement state and county funding. This fee was no longer charged when the Probation Department took back operation of the program in approximately 2005.**



## FAMILY COURT ACCOUNTS

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020
<b>Accounts:</b>			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$ 678,339	\$ 709,373	\$ 840,756
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	214,257	210,623	240,509
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	60,247	74,354	122,726
Probation Service Fees	62,002	73,844	94,904
Attorney Fees	224,548	219,338	306,534
Clinical Evaluations	22,454	22,553	23,347
Court Costs	9,607	10,549	22,529
Traffic Service Fees-County Share	3,670	2,790	1,555
Children's Village Aftercare	-	100	499
DNA-County Share	50	72	110
Youth Assistance Fees	3,100	1,745	2,775
Jail Tour Fees	499	682	2,217
Chemical Dependence Inventory Fees	1,312	739	1,682
Diversion Fees	1,699	930	3,380
Family Reunification	13	49	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,281,797</b>	<b>\$ 1,327,741</b>	<b>\$ 1,663,559</b>
<b>Trust Accounts:</b>			
State Juvenile Maintenance	\$ 119,092	\$ 125,459	\$ 116,004
Restitution	42,600	63,803	91,195
Crime Victim's Rights Fees	4,103	4,248	5,121
State Minimum Costs	9,864	9,916	17,793
Traffic Service Fees-State Share	15	130	120
DNA-State Share	328	468	712
DNA-Municipalities Share	126	180	274
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 176,128</b>	<b>\$ 204,204</b>	<b>\$ 231,219</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED</b>	<b>\$ 1,457,925</b>	<b>\$ 1,531,945</b>	<b>\$ 1,894,778</b>

The Family Court Section of the Fiscal Services Division-Reimbursement Unit is responsible for collection for services provided to children and/or families and any other costs ordered by the Family Court. A financial statement is taken and an order is entered based on the parents' ability to pay according to the State Court Administrator's guidelines.

The Juvenile Code provides for a 25% administrative fee (Collection Offset) to cover the cost of collecting funds as the result of an order for board and care.

Family Court assesses the parents of juveniles charged with delinquent acts a monthly service fee when the child is placed on probation or under supervision in the home.

Effective May 1, 1994, MCLA 780.901 required the courts to order juveniles to pay an assessment to the Crime Victim's Rights Fund for orders of disposition on juvenile offenses. The Michigan Department of Treasury receives 90% of this fee and the County is entitled to retain 10% of collections.

This unit acts as the collection agent for monies ordered by Family Court for restitution. For fiscal year 2022, there were 263 restitution payments made to the victims of crime for a total of \$67,026.85.

\*A program which requires that a child's bond be applied toward costs assessed by the Court resulted in the recovery of \$252 of the above funds for 2022.

05/31/19-Per Courts direction, parent has to sign waiver to be billed for costs incurred. Reimbursement may no longer request service. May cause decrease in collections.

## FAMILY COURT ACCOUNTS

### BOARD AND CARE COLLECTIONS

	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
Juvenile Maintenance	\$ 952,842	\$ 994,350	\$ 1,203,991
State Juvenile Maintenance	119,092 *	125,459	116,004
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED</b>	<b>\$ 1,071,934</b>	<b>\$ 1,119,809</b>	<b>\$ 1,319,995</b>

**\*For Fiscal year 2022, this includes \$40,769.52 Child Support Credits from the State of Michigan and \$41,532.95 which represents one half of the governmental benefits collected by the Michigan Department of Human Services and credited to the County for children placed in state facilities.**

### REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$ 795,235	\$ 698,398	\$ 840,936
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED</b>	<b>\$ 224,548</b>	<b>\$ 219,338</b>	<b>\$ 306,534</b>
Percent Recovered *	28.2%	31.4%	36.5%

**If the Family Court appoints an attorney to represent a child, parent, guardian or custodian, an order is entered requiring the responsible individual to repay the funds in accordance with ability to pay.**  
**\*Court proceedings reduced due to COVID Pandemic, but collections on existing cases continued.**

## PROBATE COURT-MENTAL HEALTH ACCOUNTS

### REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$ 334,305	\$ 333,473	\$ 325,436
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED</b>	<b>\$ 26,277</b>	<b>\$ 29,343</b>	<b>\$ 25,112</b>
Percent Recovered	7.9%	8.8%	7.7%

**Every individual who is the subject of a petition for involuntary hospitalization is required to be represented by legal counsel.**  
**Effective 09/01/22, Reimbursement is no longer collecting attorney fees on Mental Health Accounts for Probate Court.**