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Topic: Cash Payments

Child Support (\$25 fee for never-TANF and exception to the requirement to
Subject: assign support for certain TANF clients)

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Message:
Exception to the Assignment of Support for SFPSS, Post-TANF and Two-Parent Families for Which Deprivation is Based on the Unemployment or Underemployment of Both Parents

TANF applicants and recipients must assign to the State their rights to child and spousal support for all persons in their TANF benefit group. In addition, TANF applicants and recipients must cooperate with establishment of paternity and pursuit of child support unless good cause exists.

The requirements to assign rights to child and spousal support and to cooperate do not apply to TANF recipients in the SFPSS (case descriptor SFP) or Post-TANF program (case descriptor PTF and need/resource PT1 or PT2) or where deprivation is based on the unemployment or underemployment of both parents (program code 82). (This is also true for clients in JOBS Plus (case descriptor PLS)).

Because there is no assignment of rights for TANF recipients in the SFPSS or Post-TANF program or where deprivation is based on the unemployment or underemployment of both parents, child support paid by the absent parent to the Division of Child Support (DCS) will be passed through to the client. DCS will not retain this child support as it would for a client who is receiving TANF (basic TANF cash assistance coded program 2).

It is the responsibility of the client in SFPSS or where deprivation is based on the unemployment or underemployment of both parents to report to their DHS worker any change

greater than \$50 in the amount of child support they receive or expect to receive. This means that if the client is not in the Monthly Reporting System, the client must report within 10 days a change in child support that is greater than \$50. Clients who are in the MRS must report changes in income as required by the Monthly Change Report and according to MRS requirements. (For more information, see OAR 461-170-0010 and 461-170-0020 and Family Services Manual TANF M and Child Support B.)

Clients in the Post-TANF program must report within 10 days any change in child support that affects Post-TANF eligibility (i.e., causes the household income to exceed 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level). (For more information, see OAR 461-135-1250.)

\$25 Fee

Beginning October 1, 2007, there will be an annual fee of \$25 in each case where the obligee or child attending school has never received assistance under Title IV-A (ADC or TANF) *and* at least \$500 has been disbursed to the family in the reporting year. The reporting year will be the federal fiscal year. The \$25 fee will be paid by the obligee or child attending school. For example, if the absent parent sends in \$100 as a child support payment and the \$25 payment were assessed at that time, the obligee would receive \$75 dollars rather than \$100.

There may be cases in which clients who are in the SFPSS or Post-TANF program or where deprivation is based on the unemployment or underemployment of both parents may be subject to this fee. In these cases, it is the responsibility of the client to report to their worker that the child support amount they received had the \$25 fee deducted. When a client reports this to their worker, the client's grant should be adjusted accordingly.

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