

**Federal Case Registry
State Verification and Exchange System
Conference Call Notes
February 9 and 10, 2005**

Participating States

Alabama	Alaska	Arizona
California	Colorado	Connecticut
District of Columbia	Delaware	Florida
Hawaii	Idaho	Illinois
Iowa	Kansas	Kentucky
Massachusetts	Michigan	Minnesota
Mississippi	Montana	Nebraska
Nevada	New Hampshire	New Jersey
New York	North Carolina	North Dakota
Oregon	Pennsylvania	Puerto Rico
Rhode Island	South Carolina	Tennessee
Texas	Utah	Washington
West Virginia	Wisconsin	Wyoming

Purpose of the Call

On February 9 and 10, 2005, the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) conducted conference calls with the states to discuss the results of the one-time match between the OCSE Debtor file and the SSA State Verification and Exchange System (SVES). The agenda for the calls included the following topics for discussion:

- Status of income withholdings
- SSA expected processing timeframes
- Documents SSA has received other than income withholdings
- Economic analysis and evaluation of the data
- State progress on processing the match results.

Status of Income Withholdings

OCSE has received approximately 7,800 income-withholding documents to date. Approximately 1,000 - 1,500 income-withholding documents are received per week at the central collection post office box that was set up specifically for this one-time match.

SSA Expected Processing Timeframes

Once SSA receives the income-withholding notices, payments are generally sent to the requesting state within two months. At this time, SSA is not able to transmit collections electronically, so each payment will be a paper check. In answer to a question about changes in the entitlement amounts, the SSA representative reported that SSA benefit amounts increased approximately 2.7% at the beginning of 2005.

Documents SSA has Received other than Income Withholding

Some documents, other than income-withholding notices, are being sent to the post office box. States should take steps to prevent this, as these documents are not processed by SSA and states will experience a delay while the documents are returned to them or forwarded to an SSA District

Office. Furthermore, states should not staple their income-withholding documents or use highlighter pens. Both actions cause problems in SSA's automated processing of documents.

Economic Analysis and Evaluation of the Data

OCSE's Economic Analysis (EA) team discussed efforts to gather data and analyze the results of the match. The EA team would like to work with any state able to provide information on the number of matches received, the number of income withholdings sent to SSA and the amount of the collections. During the calls, representatives from Washington, Iowa, Wisconsin, Alaska, and Oregon volunteered to work with the EA team. Other states will provide data to their respective State Technical Support Liaison as it becomes available.

State Progress on Processing the Match Results

States representatives shared their progress to date in processing the SSA garnishment match data. The following matrix provides information on each state's progress.

Alabama	Distributed lists to counties with results from three. 30 IWNs sent. Several of these to Responding states.	Montana	Received 84 matches. 29 IWNs sent. 39% of matches were open interstate cases.
Alaska	Had 288 matches. 234 IWNs sent. 30 sent to Responding states.	Nebraska	Still researching.
Arizona	No results to report.	Nevada	Distributed to counties. Second largest office already sending IWNs.
Arkansas		New Hampshire	19% under order. 1 died. State gets SVES through TANF.
California	Distributed to counties. One consortia system will process automatically. Not sure about the other.	New Jersey	IWN's will begin being sent in about 1 month.
Colorado	44% were already paying cases. 38% eligible for IWNs. 34% IWNs sent.	New Mexico	
Connecticut	No results to report.	New York	98% are new reports of income for IWN.
DC	Working cases and researching interstate.	North Carolina	54% resulted in IWN. Some cases were already known as SSA recipients.
Delaware	No results to report.	North Dakota	54% already have IWNs in place.
Florida *	Already sending some. Should begin sending most IWNs in one month.	Ohio	
Georgia		Oklahoma	
Guam		Oregon	Centralized operation. 9 cases with existing IWN. 33 new IWNs for \$9600.
Hawaii	No results to report.	Pennsylvania	3 to 4 weeks before IWNs will be sent.
Idaho	No actions taken.	Puerto Rico	Distributed to counties last week. No actions yet.
Illinois*	54% completed. Sent 2,200 IWNs.	Rhode Island	Process beginning. Hampered by being a totally judicial state.
Indiana		South Carolina	109 referred to Courts. 38 garnishments sent so far.
Iowa	36% already under withholding. IWNs sent on others. Doris has details.	South Dakota	
Kansas	No actions taken yet.	Tennessee	1,223 IWNs submitted. Maintaining a report. Of 78 cases, 23 IWNS resulted and 9 CPs referred to SSA.
Kentucky	No results to report.	Texas	In process of developing method to handle matches.
Louisiana		Utah	39 matches. They already had IWNs in place.
Maine		Vermont	
Maryland		Virgin Islands	
Massachusetts	Have begun the process. No results to report.	Virginia	
Michigan	IWNs will begin going out within the next two weeks.	Washington	Completed the project. 162 IWNs. 50% are getting payments.
Minnesota	Completed the project using automated system process set up for SVES.	West Virginia	Central Process. No results to report.
Mississippi	Have sent 150 of 1,300 IWNs.	Wisconsin	Completed Project. 800 IWNs.
Missouri		Wyoming	Sent reports to district offices. No results to report.