

## **Guideline Calculator Alert**

The California Guideline Child Support Calculator contained a defect between June 23, 2008 and July 11, 2008. This defect caused the calculator to use the State Personal Exemption Credit amount of \$94 instead of the State Personal Exemption Credit amount of \$294 in some calculations. This defect has been corrected.

### **What does this mean to you?**

If you used the California Guideline Child Support Calculator between June 23, 2008 and July 11, 2008, there is a chance that the result of that calculation may be incorrect.

If you are involved in a child support case that is being enforced by a local child support agency (LCSA) and the LCSA used the California Child Support Calculator between June 23, 2008 and July 11, 2008 to calculate child support on your case, there is a chance that the result of that calculation may be incorrect.

### **Are all calculations done during the period impacted by this defect?**

No, the department's research indicates that most calculations made during the period were not impacted by the defect.

### **Does the defect produce a large discrepancy?**

No, the department's research indicates that for impacted calculations, most calculations produced results that are within 1% of the correct support amount. The department estimates that 10% of the *impacted* calculations produced results that deviate more than 1% from the correct support amount.

### **What should you do?**

- If you are an individual representing yourself in a family law action, you may contact your local [family law facilitator](#) for assistance to determine if any action is necessary.
- If you are an individual who is involved in a child support case that is being enforced by an LCSA, you do not need to take any action. The department has advised LCSAs how to resolve calculation discrepancies. If your case has been impacted by the defect, the LCSA will take the necessary steps to fix the problem.
- If you are an attorney representing an individual in a child support action the department recommends that you review calculations that you made during the time period impacted, to determine if you should take legal action to correct any family law pleadings.