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ALL IV-D DIRECTORSSUBJECT: SUPPRESSION OF FIDM ENFORCEMENT FOR
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) RECIPIENTSReason for this Transmittal

- State Law or Regulation Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Change
- Clarification requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by DCSS

The purpose of this letter is to inform Local Child Support Agencies (LCSAs) of required changes in the existing operation of the Child Support Recovery (CSR) System. This change is effective immediately.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) income may not be levied for past due child support. LCSAs must suppress Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) enforcement for obligors receiving SSI. Historically, the CSR system provided an additional layer of prevention of FIDM enforcement by proactively matching obligors submitted for enforcement with SSI recipient data.

Recently, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announced a restriction on the use of social security information. As a result, the CSR system will no longer verify information on obligors receiving SSI benefits from the Department of Health Service's Medical Eligibility Data Systems (MEDS). Effective immediately, suppression of cases for FIDM enforcement is the responsibility of the LCSA case workers and obligors.

Suppression of FIDM enforcement in your systems will result in WITHDRAW transactions being sent automatically to the DCSS CSR system.

Please remember that pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code 19271.6(i) and Family Code Section 17500(c), all cases with delinquent child support must be submitted to DCSS for FIDM enforcement except for the following conditions:

- When cases in which a jurisdiction other than California is enforcing the support order.
- When the obligor has filed bankruptcy.
- When the obligor is receiving Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program benefits.
- When the obligor is deceased.

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