

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

P.O. Box 419064, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9064



July 20, 2004

CSS LETTER: 04-17

ALL IV-D DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: FEDERAL INCOME TAX REFUNDS AND INJURED SPOUSE CLAIMS

This letter serves to withdraw CSS 04-13 issued June 24, 2004, pending further analysis.

After issuing CSS letter 04-13, the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) received several telephone calls and emails expressing concern with the implementation of the injured spouse policy. In order to address all the issues, this topic will be discussed at both the Prism Advisory Group (PAG) and Requirement Analysis Workgroup (RAW) meetings in July 2004.

Concerns on this topic include but are not limited to holding of distributions, automation changes to consortia systems, funding for consortia changes, inconsistent Internal Revenue Service handling of injured spouse claims and subsequent negative adjustments, interest accrual, reporting of undistributed/distributed collections, and reporting of noncustodial parent intercept refunds to the Office of Child Support Enforcement.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Tanya Morales at (916) 464-5261 or Tanya.Morales@dcss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan M. Obert".

JOAN M. OBERT
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<u>Reason for this Transmittal</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> State Law or Regulation Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Law or Regulation Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Court Order or Settlement Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Clarification requested by One or More Counties
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiated by DCSS