



RECEIVE CHILD SUPPORT BY DIRECT DEPOSIT OR THE TEXAS DEBIT CARD

by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott

WITH LAST MONTH'S HURRICANE FRESH ON OUR MINDS, now is a good time to remind parents who receive child support payments by mail about the convenience of direct deposit and the Texas Debit Card.

Hurricane season is just one reason parents are encouraged to sign up for direct deposit or the Texas Debit card. Depending on the option selected, child support payments are deposited directly into a parent's bank account or onto the card. There is no waiting for checks to arrive in the mail, no lost or stolen checks or wondering if a deposit has cleared, and funds can be accessed in thousands of locations.

The Texas Debit Card can be used for purchases at grocery stores and other merchant locations worldwide that take

VISA debit cards. The card is safer and more convenient than cash or checks, and fees to cash checks are eliminated.

Another benefit of the card is access to money throughout the month, even while away from home. Also, there is a savings to taxpayers because the costs to process and mail paper checks are eliminated. Since its introduction in 2006, the card has saved taxpayers more than \$5.7 million.

Parents do not need a bank account to get the card. Any parent who receives child support through the Texas Child Support Disbursement Unit is eligible for the Texas Debit Card.

With the card, parents can make two free cash withdrawals per month at any Wells Fargo automated teller machine. They can make two additional cash

withdrawals without a fee from a teller at any bank displaying the VISA logo. Fees can be avoided by requesting cash back with a purchase.

For more information, or to sign up for the card or direct deposit, call (800) 252-8014 and select the "direct deposit" or "Texas Debit Card" option, or visit the child support section of the Attorney General's Web site at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

The Attorney General's Child Support Division is committed to efficiently and effectively delivering much needed child support to Texas parents. If you receive child support in the mail, please consider the security and convenience of direct deposit and the Texas Debit Card.

POINTS TO REMEMBER



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- Child support payments are deposited directly into a parent's bank account or onto the card
- No waiting for checks to arrive in the mail
- No lost or stolen checks
- No fees to cash checks
- No cost to mail checks, saving tax payers money
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For information on services provided by the Attorney General's Child Support Division, call (800) 252-8014.

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