

OCS Legislative Priorities

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Codify the \$25 annual fee

- DRA Requirement
- Currently accomplished through appropriations act boilerplate
- Supplemental appropriation acts could change requirement

Eliminate Notary Requirement for Paternity Affidavit Acknowledgement

- State law requires putative father to sign written acknowledgement of the parentage at the hospital, notary is required to witness.
- Lack of notary at hospital
- Change to hospital staff notarizing or witnessing signature
- CSPR recommendation

FIDM Changes

- Change Definition of Accounts to include IRA as an account
- Limit Bank Fees to reasonable or actual costs for handling lien
- Require FI's to provide account bal detail
- Allow central enforcement through an admin process to attach prisoner acc'ts

Escheating Child Support

- Change requirement from 1 year to two or three year cycle.
- Payees more likely to come to child support for prior payments than Treasury
- New web site to locate child support is working and would provide a tool to locate payments made over 1 yr.

Withholding Prioritization

- Re-prioritize employer withholdings to pay medical before arrears.
- Helps ensure more children receive medical payments
- Helps ensure more children are covered by insurance
- Help increase incentives when medical indicator becomes an incentive factor

Source of Income Designation

- Eliminate need for employers to designate allocation when remitting payment
- MiCSES does this now so it would save employers time and frustration

Confinement Apportionment

- Obsolete the word confinement and replace with birth & pregnancy expenses
- Codify the use of newly published formula
- Delete reference to 100% apportionment to father
- Define DCH managed care rates as reasonable and necessary costs

Electronic submission of payments

- Require employers to electronically submit child support payments
- Exceptions for small employers or employers with small number of NCP's

Review and Modification Trigger

- Require a review and modification hearing when default judgment happened and now NCP is cooperative
- Especially when income was imputed and now have actual amounts

Reduction in total amt withheld from IWN

- Cap total withholding amount at 50%
- Employers would not need to try and determine the maximum amount – i.e. 50 or 65%

Redirection of Support

- Allow redirection of support to person caring for child even if not legally responsible
- Eliminate child support going to CP who is not caring for child but is still legally responsible

Require Payers to Identify EDRO and QDRO Payments

- These payments are now processed as wage withholdings and can be allocated among multiple cases by MiCSES
- EDRO and QDRO payments should only be directed to the beneficiary

FOCA Package Items on OCS List

- License Suspension
- Booting Vehicles
- Use of COLA
- Eliminate Bench Warrant Enforcement Fund
- Eliminate Surcharge unless ordered