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FSD LETTER NO. 89-13

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 89-46

TO: ALL TITLE IV-D AGENCIES
ALL COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM - TITLE IV-E INFANT
SUPPLEMENT PAYMENT

REFERENCE ACL 89-15

This is to provide Counties with Child/Spousal Support Program related information regarding supplemental payments made for children of minor parents receiving payments under the Title IV-E program as required under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA) and Senate Bill (SB) 510 (Chapter 1066, Statutes of 1988).

Background

All County Letter No. 89-15 dated February 8, 1989, provided County Welfare Departments (CWD) with program and fiscal claiming instructions necessary to implement SB 510.

Briefly, SB 510 is the State law change necessary to implement the requirements of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA) which requires CWD's to provide supplemental payments for the care of a minor parent's (minor mother's) child living with the parent in placement in Foster Care facilities.

Effective February 28, 1989, the minor parent's child is no longer eligible for AFDC-FG payments. However, beginning March 1, 1989, supplemental payments will be paid to the Foster Care provider for the care and supervision of a minor parent's child in addition to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Foster Care (AFDC-FC) rate paid for the minor parent's placement.

Group Home Rate

The supplemental amount (infant supplement) paid for a child living with the minor parent in a group home placement will be \$708 per month per child.

Family Home and Foster Family Agency Rates

The supplemental amount (infant supplement) paid for a child living with a minor parent in an eligible facility other than a group home will be \$326 per month per child.

Effect to the Child/Spousal Support Program

The California Civil Code Section 208.5 states that senior parents are not financially responsible for the care of their grandchildren. Therefore, the CWD shall provide information as required by Eligibility and Assistance Standards (EAS) Section 45-201.3, to refer both the minor child and the minor parent's child to the County District Attorney.

Because parents of a minor parent are financially responsible for the care of their child, child support collections received must be applied to reduce and/or repay aid payments made on the minor parent's behalf. The absent parent of the minor parent's child is financially responsible for the child and, therefore, (infant) support collections received from the absent parent of the infant child must be applied to reduce and/or repay the infant supplement payments.

The infant supplement payment and the regular AFDC-FC payment will be separately identified on the March 1989 and subsequent integrated aid payrolls, for automated counties, or Form ABCD 801, for manual counties as follows:

Cases with supplemental payments under aid codes 42 (Federal FC) and 40 (non-Federal FC) will be identified with an alpha code. The State Department of Social Services (SDSS) suggested code is MP (Minor Parent) to be used by the CWDs. The CWDs may use another alpha code but must document the code on their monthly payroll.

CWDs issuing a single warrant must separately identify the infant supplement on the payroll.

CWDs issuing a separate warrant must identify the supplemental payment with the alpha character MP or another documented code.

Child support collections for the infant supplemental payment should be reported on the Child/spousal Support Collections Summary Report, CS 820, as Foster Care collections, Column 2.

Child support collections made on behalf of the minor parent's child, should be reported on the Summary Report of Child and Spousal Support Payments, CS 800, as Federal Foster Care or non-Federal Foster Care collections, as appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact your Child Support Operations Analyst at (916) 322-6384.



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