

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

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CSS LETTER: 13-06

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

SUBJECT: SPOUSAL SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Reference: Supersedes CSS Letter 10-02

The purpose of this letter is to provide local child support agencies (LCSAs) with policy direction on the enforcement of spousal support orders.

Federal regulations require states to enforce spousal support for a spouse or former spouse who is living with the child(ren) for whom the support obligor also owes current child support, but only if a child support obligation has been established and is being enforced under the Title IV-D State Plan [45 Code of Federal Regulations 302.31(a)(2)].

For purposes of spousal support enforcement in California, a child support order being enforced is one with a dollar figure for current support, meaning a medical only, zero sum, or reserved order, or any combination thereof, would not qualify. Spousal support (including spousal support arrears or spousal support interest, assigned or unassigned) should not be enforced if the LCSA is enforcing a child support arrears only obligation.

The only circumstance in which current spousal support and/or spousal arrears (assigned or unassigned) are to be enforced is if a child support order as specified above is being enforced with a dependent living with the custodial party.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact the Policy and Program Branch at 916-464-5883.

Sincerely,

o/s

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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