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TO: IV-D DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ALBERTA, CANADA – NEW INFORMATION ABOUT SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF EXPENSES

The Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement informed the Department of Child Support Services that the Alberta Maintenance Enforcement Program (MEP) has changed their process for support enforcement beyond a dependent's age of majority, and enforcement of expenses. These changes will apply to all cases with Alberta.

Effective August 1, 2015 the Alberta MEP made changes to the enforcement of expenses. If the court order involves a *Proportionate Amount Expense* clause, there will be changes made to timeframes for submitting claims, how to submit claims and what can be submitted. If the order involves a *Proportionate Amount General Expense* clause, a new expenses form and packet will be available on MEP's website. <http://www.albertamep.gov.ab.ca> If the order involves a *Fixed Amount Specific Expense* clause for childcare, the MEP will stop charging the ongoing childcare expense when the child turns 12. For the details on these changes, refer to [New Information about Section 7 Expenses](#).

Additionally, beginning September 1, 2015 the MEP will review the status of every dependent as they approach the age of majority, to determine if enforcement should continue beyond the age of majority. Three months before the age of majority, the custodial parent (creditor) will be asked to complete a Child Status Report and return it to the MEP, with supporting documents, before the dependent's birthdate. The non-custodial parent (debtor) will be notified of the review. If the form is not returned by the due date, the MEP will stop enforcing support at the age of majority. If the MEP continues support beyond the age of majority, both parties will be sent yearly reminders to notify the MEP of any change in the child's status. For more information, review the Information Sheet, [New Information about Support Enforcement and the Age of Majority](#).

The information is also posted on the Alberta MEP website at: <http://www.albertamep.gov.ab.ca>.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Michelle Meier, Intergovernmental Services Section manager at 1-888-851-6314.

Sincerely,

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