

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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Reason for this Transmittal

- State Law or Regulation Change
 Federal Law or Regulation Change
 Court Order or Settlement Change
 Clarification requested by One or More Counties
 Initiated by DCSS

August 18, 2003

LCSA LETTER: 03-18

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SUBJECT: ARREARS ONLY COLLECTION IN OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS

This is to inform you that an interstate problem was reported to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) by the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) and several other state agencies regarding a policy change established by the Oklahoma Child Support Enforcement Division. The problem occurred when the Oklahoma agency began returning Uniform Interstate Family Support Act of 1996 (UIFSA) petitions to initiating states that were requesting collection of child support arrears only.

The California DCSS also reported to the ACF that Texas was returning UIFSA petitions that were requesting collection of child support arrears only.

The ACF contacted the state office of the Oklahoma Child Support Enforcement Division and was assured that the problem had been corrected internally and that Oklahoma is now accepting child support arrears only cases for collection. Additionally, the Oklahoma agency has recommended that any state child support agency that received the earlier notice could resubmit the cases that had been returned.

The ACF posed the same question to the Texas Child Support Services agency on behalf of California. Texas responded that the State has always accepted arrears only cases and if another state had experienced difficulty with a particular case, to contact the Texas Central Registry.

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Eddie Yamamoto at (916) 464-5229.

Sincerely,

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