

Date: April 4, 2013
Sequence: BCFTA Update 2013-19
Topic: Child Support Incentives and Supplemental State CS Match

An issue with the federal reporting of child support data from ODJFS is resulting in a reduction in the amount of federal child support incentives being received for the April 2013 through June 2013 quarter. (Please see attached Fiscal Administrative Procedure Letter # 42 and letter dated March 28, 2013 from the ODJFS Office of Child Support)

Although Child Support Incentives will be reduced for one quarter, counties will not experience any loss in funding due to this issue. ODJFS will provide the county child support agencies with a supplemental state child support allocation that can be used for the 34% local match for the remaining SFY. This additional match will permit counties to draw down additional federal dollars without use of local dollars.

Counties may use this allocation for any ceiling excess in their regular State Child Support Allocation or may recode SFY13 IV-D expenditures already claimed to Title IV-D/Local or to Child Support Incentives. Instructions for moving ceiling excess are below; please contact your ODJFS fiscal supervisor if you need assistance for recoding incentive or local expenditures.

- Please use the following financial codes to move ceiling excess expenditures from state match to supplemental state match:

From **JFSFC310** State Match

To **JFSFC558** Supplemental Match

Counties will receive the entire Supplemental Child Support Allocation by EFT on April 19. Counties will have until September 30, 2013 to liquidate the additional state funding using coding established for this purpose

Over the next few days each county will receive the following information from BCFTA:

- The amount of your reduced child support incentives for April, May and June;
- The amount of your Supplemental State Child Support Allocation. (This will be 34% of the amount of your incentive *reduction*.)

Child Support Incentive payments for April will be processed by April 5th and received by CSEAs on April 12th.

The new Supplemental State Child Support Allocation EFT will be received by CSEAs on April 19th.

Please contact your ODJFS Fiscal Supervisor if you have any questions.



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Fiscal Administrative Procedure Letter (FAPL) No. 42

To: Fiscal Administrative Procedure Manual Holders

From: Michael B. Colbert, Director

Subject: Supplemental Child Support Funding

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is issuing a one-time supplemental Child Support allocation to assist the county Child Support Enforcement Agencies (CSEAs) in meeting the required match for Title IV-D expenditures. This funding is issued in response to the reduction in agencies' child support incentive during the April through June 2013 quarter.

ODJFS will follow the child support incentive methodology set forth in rule 5101:9-6-30 "Child Support Performance Incentive Payments" and allowable expenditures are in accordance with rule 5101:9-6-80 "State Child Support Allocations."

Agencies may:

- Use funds as match for IV-D expenditures; or
- Recode expenditures claimed to child support incentives during this SFY.

ODJFS will issue coding for the Supplemental Child Support allocation and further information regarding expenditure reporting via a Bureau of County Finance and Technical Assistance (BCFTA) Update.

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To: CSEA Directors and Administrators

From: Jeffrey M. Aldridge, Deputy Director
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Date: March 28, 2013

Subject: Incentive Reconciliation

Ohio did not meet the data reliability threshold for the paternity performance indicator in FFY2011, and the incentives earned for that year have been adjusted accordingly. This is an ODJFS, Office of Child Support issue and is not a reflection of county performance; therefore, county child support enforcement agencies will be held harmless.

ODJFS will maintain the quarterly incentive funding level of \$6.5 million, which is the quarterly portion of our \$26 million dollar incentive estimate. In the coming days, you should receive additional information from the ODJFS Office of Fiscal and Monitoring Services regarding the upcoming quarter's allocation.

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