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#### I. Purpose

The purpose of this Informational Letter (INF) is to announce the availability of the new form LDSS-4882 (7/12), *Information about Child Support Services and Application/Referral for Child Support Services* (Attachment 1). Initial supplies of the LDSS-4882 (7/12) will be mailed to social services districts (SSDs) the week of August 6, 2012.

The LDSS-4882 (7/12) and the following new documents will be made available on August 6, 2012, to SSDs on the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) Intranet website at **http://otda.state.nyenet/ldss\_eforms/** and to the public on the New York State child support website at **childsupport.ny.gov** for downloading and reproduction:

- LDSS-4882A (7/12), *Information about Child Support Services* (Attachment 2), used to meet the federal and State notification requirements in certain situations where an individual has made a request for child support enforcement services by application through the Family or Supreme Court;
- LDSS-4882B (7/12), *Information for an Additional Noncustodial Parent (NCP)/Putative Father (PF)* (Attachment 3), which may be used to provide information about an additional NCP/PF from whom support is sought; and
- LDSS-4882C (7/12), *Information for an Additional Child* (Attachment 4), which may be used to provide information about an additional child for whom support is sought.

These forms were introduced in Administrative Directive (ADM) 12-ADM-03, issued May 1, 2012, titled *Information about Child Support Services and Application/Referral for Child Support Enforcement Services (LDSS-4882)*.

#### II. Background

Prior to the implementation of the LDSS-4882 (7/12), SSDs have used separate forms (LDSS-2521 [3/04] and LDSS-2860 [10/07]) for collecting information from individuals applying for child support services and for Temporary Assistance (TA), Medicaid (MA), and foster care (FC) referrals to the Child Support Enforcement Unit (CSEU). Effective upon receipt of the initial supply, the LDSS-4882 (7/12) will serve as the single application/referral form.

SSDs previously have used the LDSS-3908 (10/09) and other local notices or brochures to fulfill federal and State notification requirements. Mandated information is now to be conveyed to applicant/recipients by means of the *Information about Child Support Services* section of the LDSS-4882 (7/12), or by the LDSS-4882A (7/12) where the individual has made a request for child support enforcement services by application through the Family or Supreme Court.

#### III. Program Implications

#### A. <u>Use of New Forms</u>

An initial supply of the LDSS-4882 (7/12) is being mailed to SSDs in conjunction with the issuance of this INF. The respective CSEU, TA, MA, and FC program staff must begin using the LDSS-4882 (7/12) immediately upon receipt of the initial supply.

Additionally, SSDs may begin using the companion LDSS-4882B (7/12) and LDSS-4882C (7/12), or an equivalent copy, upon receipt of the initial supply of the LDSS-4882 (7/12).

Copies of the LDSS-4882 may also be made available by SSDs to *Head Start*; *Women, Infants, and Children*; employment programs; fatherhood programs and communitybased organizations providing services to families. Further, the LDSS-4882 is available for downloading and reproduction on the New York State Unified Court System website (refer to **www.nycourts.gov**).

#### B. <u>Obsolete Forms</u>

The LDSS-4882 (7/12) replaces and makes obsolete the following forms:

- LDSS-2521 (3/04) and DSS-2521S (9/83), *Application for Child Support Services* and the Spanish translated version, used by individuals requesting child support services pursuant to SSL § 111-g and applicants for Safety Net Assistance (SNA) and Non-IV-E FC, who must also apply for child support services;
- LDSS-2860 (10/07), *Child Support Enforcement Referral*, for TA (Family Assistance [FA] and SNA), MA, and Title IV-E FC referrals to the child support program;
- LDSS-3908 (10/09) and LDSS-3908 SP (10/09), *Important Notice Regarding Child Support to Persons Applying for or Receiving Temporary Assistance or Foster Care Maintenance Payments under Title IV-E* and the Spanish translated version, provided to TA and FC applicants/recipients; and
- *Notice of Child Support Annual Service Fee* (11/08), used by the SSD to notify all new applicants who applied for services after October 1, 2008 of the federally required annual service fee and to give them the opportunity to claim prior receipt of assistance under the federal Title IV-A program.

Any remaining stock of the LDSS-2521 (3/04) and DSS-2521S (9/83), LDSS-2860 (10/07), LDSS-3908 (10/09) and LDSS-3908 SP (10/09), and *Notice of Child Support Annual Service Fee* (11/08) must be destroyed.

#### IV. Revised Forms and Publications

CSEUs are being sent an initial supply of the LDSS-4882 (7/12). CSEUs need to ensure that sufficient quantities of the LDSS-4882 (7/12) are made available to their TA, MA, and FC programs.

SSDs will be able to order additional copies of the LDSS-4882 (7/12) immediately upon release of this INF (refer to Section IV.A. for ordering information). The Spanish language version of the LDSS-4882 (7/12) will also be available for ordering upon completion of its translation. The Division of Child Support Enforcement/Center for Child Well-Being will contact local districts regarding their needs for an initial supply of the Spanish language version document once it becomes available.

With the exception of the Spanish language version of the LDSS-4882 (7/12), the "Other than English" versions of the LDSS-4882 (7/12) will not be published for ordering. Rather, they will be made available on the ERS under *Resources, Application/Referral* for access by CSEU

workers and on the New York State child support website at **childsupport.ny.gov**. If needed, the "Other than English" versions of the LDSS-4882 (7/12) may be downloaded for reproduction locally.

#### A. Ordering of LDSS Forms and Publications through OTDA

#### 1. <u>OTDA-876 Process</u>

To order printed copies of the LDSS-4882 (7/12) form, complete the OTDA Form 876 EL (DOC), *Request for Documents or Publications*, <u>or</u> OTDA Form 876 EL (PDF), *Request for Forms or Publications*. These forms can be accessed on the OTDA Intranet website at **http://otda.state.nyenet/ldss\_eforms**/. You may mail the completed form to:

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Document Services P.O. Box 1990 Albany, New York 12201

Alternatively, you may submit the completed form by email to forms.orders@otda.ny.gov.

2. <u>Online Ordering Process</u>

Printed copies of the LDSS-4882 (7/12) form can be ordered on-line by accessing the *Bureau of Management Services' Electronic Forms and Publications Online System* through the OTDA Intranet website at http://ldformorders.otda.state.nyenet/.

Questions about ordering forms and publications should be directed to Document Services at 800-343-8859, ext. 4-9522.

#### B. <u>New York State Child Support Website and Customer Service Helpline</u>

The LDSS-4882 (7/12), LDSS-4882A (7/12), LDSS-4882B (7/12), and LDSS-4882C (7/12) will be available on the New York State child support website at **childsupport.ny.gov**. Customer service representatives (CSRs) at the New York State Child Support Customer Service Helpline (CSH) will also advise callers of the availability of these forms on the New York State child support website when callers contact the CSH to request child support services. Upon request, the CSR will send these forms to individuals.

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# Information about Child Support Services and Application/Referral for Child Support Services

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Center for Child Well-Being Division of Child Support Enforcement



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# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

If you need language assistance, please advise the Child Support Enforcement Unit so that translation and/or interpretation services can be provided.

Read the *Information about Child Support Services* (pages 2 - 7) carefully before completing the detachable *Application/Referral for Child Support Services* form (pages A-1 – A-8). It contains important facts and information you will need to know and understand regarding child support enforcement services.

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# **INFORMATION ABOUT CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

This document provides individuals interested in child support services with important information about the program (Sections 1-6) and includes a detachable application/referral for child support services. Section 1 identifies who is eligible to receive child support services, explains the assignment of support rights and cooperation, and provides a summary of child support services and the basic child support obligation. Section 2 discusses rights and responsibilities resulting from paternity establishment and right to notice of legal proceedings. Section 3 provides the State's child support policies. Section 4 discusses legal services and cost recovery. Section 5 discusses the annual service fee and Section 6 provides payment and contact information.

This information must be provided to all applicants for child support services and to applicants and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid and Title IV-E Foster Care who are referred to the Child Support Enforcement Unit. If the child is in foster care, the applicant or recipient is the Commissioner or Designee of the social services district or the Commissioner or Designee of the Office of Children and Family Services.

# SECTION 1 – ELIGIBILITY, ASSIGNMENT, AND AVAILABLE SERVICES ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

Any parent or nonparent caregiver acting as guardian of at least one child under the age of 21 is eligible to apply for child support services. Such person is considered the custodial parent in the child support case. If you are applying for, or receiving, Temporary Assistance (officially termed "Family Assistance" or "Safety Net Assistance") for the child, child support services may be provided to you based on your application for this program. Child support services may also be provided if you are applying for Medicaid for yourself and the child and you complete an application/referral for child support services. Child support services will continue after you stop receiving Temporary Assistance or Medicaid unless you request your child support case be closed. Child support services are also provided for a child placed in foster care and may continue after the foster care placement ends. If the child returns to you after being discharged from foster care, child support services will continue unless you request otherwise. A child under the age of 21 or a noncustodial parent or putative (alleged) father may also apply or be eligible for child support services.

#### ASSIGNMENT AND COOPERATION WITH CHILD SUPPORT

If you are an applicant/recipient of Temporary Assistance for the child, or Medicaid for yourself and the child, or your child is in Title IV-E Foster Care, you are required to assign to the social services district rights you have to support on your own behalf and any rights to support on behalf of any family member for whom you are applying for, or receiving assistance. For Medicaid applicants/recipients, this assignment is limited to medical support only. When applying for, or receiving Temporary Assistance, your assignment of support rights is limited to support that accrues during the period that you or the family member receives assistance. You are required to assign these support rights and, unless you claim good cause or domestic violence for not doing so, cooperate with the Child Support Enforcement Unit to:

- Locate noncustodial parents and putative fathers, including biological parents or stepparents;
- Establish paternity for each child born out-of-wedlock for whom you are applying for, or receiving Temporary Assistance, Medicaid, or Title IV-E Foster Care;
- Establish, modify, or adjust orders of support; and
- Collect and enforce orders of support through the Support Collection Unit.

If you are receiving Temporary Assistance for the child or Medicaid for yourself and the child, you will be sanctioned for failing to cooperate absent a determination of good cause or domestic violence, if applicable.

#### CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED

The following services are provided by the Child Support Enforcement Unit as appropriate, with your cooperation:

- Establishment of a case record.
- Location of the noncustodial parent or putative father, including obtaining information about addresses, employment, other sources of income and assets, and health care coverage.

- Assistance to establish paternity (legal fatherhood) for a child born to unmarried parents by voluntary acknowledgment of paternity or by filing a petition with the court.
- Assistance with filing court petitions to establish and modify an order of support according to the New York State child support guidelines, including obtaining health insurance benefits, if available, from either parent.
- Assistance in making an order of support payable to the Support Collection Unit.
- Collection and distribution of support payments. This may include collection and distribution of child support; child and spousal support; educational expenses; child care expenses; and cash medical support, if any of these are included in the order of support made payable through the Support Collection Unit.
- Enforcement of support obligations using all available administrative remedies including, but not limited to: income withholding from employment, benefits, or other income; interception of federal and New York State tax refunds; seizure of assets; credit reporting of support debt; suspension of the noncustodial parent's New York State driving privileges; and referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection. Court ordered health insurance benefits are also enforced by the Child Support Enforcement Unit.
- Filing and prosecuting violation petitions to enforce an order of support through court when administrative remedies are unsuccessful.
- Legal services (optional to the applicant) upon signing a *Right to Recovery Agreement for Legal Services* (LDSS-4920) for court proceedings. Costs will be recovered for legal services.
- Child support services listed above where parents live in other counties, states, or countries.
- Continuation of child support services listed above when a family is no longer eligible for Temporary Assistance, Medicaid, or foster care.
- New York State Child Support Website: childsupport.ny.gov
- New York State Child Support Customer Service Helpline at 888-208-4485.

#### **INFORMATION ABOUT BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS**

The Child Support Enforcement Unit can help you establish or modify a child support order based on New York State's child support guidelines. The basic child support obligation (BCSO) includes a percentage-based obligation, a provision for health insurance coverage and/or cash medical support, child care expenses, and educational expenses for the child, if determined by the court (refer to Family Court Act Section 413).

**Percentage-Based Obligation**: The base calculation paid by the noncustodial parent is determined using a fixed percentage of combined parental income, based on the number of children involved.

1 child17%	Example:
2 children25%	The noncustodial parent's pro rata share of income available
3 children29%	for support is \$25,000. For one child, application of the guidelines
4 children31%	percentage yields an annual percentage-based obligation of \$4,250
5 or moreat least 35%	(i.e., 17% of \$25,000).

The percentage guideline is applied to combined parental income up to \$136,000 (minus Medicare, Social Security, New York City or Yonkers tax, certain unreimbursed employee business expenses, certain alimony or maintenance paid or to be paid, and certain child support actually paid). "Income" means such income as reported on the federal income tax return and, to the extent not reported on the tax return, workers' compensation benefits, disability payments, unemployment benefits, social security benefits, veteran's benefits, pensions and other forms of income. Above \$136,000 (which will increase in 2014 and every two years thereafter with changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers) the court determines whether or not to use the percentage guidelines. The court may deviate from the percentage-based obligation based on the factors set forth in Family Court Act Section 413(1)(f).

**Low Income Obligation**: When the noncustodial parent's income is determined by the court to be at or below the federal poverty level for a single person, the presumptive support amount is \$25 per month. When income is at or below the self-support reserve (135% of the federal poverty level), but above the federal poverty level, the presumptive support amount is \$50 per month.

Additional Elements of Support: The court must determine the parties' obligation to provide health insurance benefits, pay cash medical support toward the cost of health insurance or public coverage, and pay for other health

care expenses not covered by insurance. Health care coverage may be provided through a public entity or by a parent through an employer or organization, or through other available health insurance or health care coverage plans. The BCSO must also be increased to cover reasonable child care expenses if the custodial parent is working, in school, or in a vocational training program. If the custodial parent is looking for work and incurs child care expenses, the court may determine the noncustodial parent's share of these expenses. In addition, the court may increase the BCSO to cover the reasonable educational expenses of the child.

**Foster Care and Child Support Obligations:** In foster care cases, both parents are noncustodial parents with an obligation to pay support based on the child support guidelines. However, where the amount of support determined under the guidelines exceeds the costs of foster care, the Child Support Enforcement Unit may argue to the court that the amount of support is unjust or inappropriate and that the amount of support ordered to be paid should not exceed the actual costs of foster care plus any costs attributable to the costs of medical assistance paid on behalf of the child.

**Modification of Orders**: The Child Support Enforcement Unit can assist you in filing a petition to modify your order of support, if needed. Either party has the right to seek a modification of the order of support based upon a showing of a substantial change in circumstances. If the order was effective on or after October 13, 2010, incarceration shall not be a bar to finding a substantial change in circumstances provided such incarceration is not the result of non-payment of a child support order, or an offense against the custodial parent or child who is the subject of the order or judgment. Additionally, under certain conditions pursuant to Family Court Act Section 451(2)(b), an order of support can be modified based upon: (1) the passage of three years since the order was entered, last modified or adjusted; or (2) a change in either party's gross income by fifteen percent or more since the order was entered, last modified or adjusted. Bases (1) and (2) for seeking a modification of the order of support do not apply if the:

- Original order of support was entered prior to October 13, 2010; or
- Parties entered into a validly executed agreement or stipulation prior to October 13, 2010 which was incorporated into the original order of support; or
- Parties have specifically opted out of the bases provided in (1) and/or (2) in a validly executed agreement or stipulation entered into on or after October 13, 2010.

**Cost of Living Adjustment**: Every two years the Child Support Enforcement Unit will review the account to determine whether the account is eligible for a cost of living adjustment (COLA). An order of support is eligible for a COLA if: (1) it has been at least two years since the order was issued or modified by the court, or last received a COLA; and (2) the sum of the annual average changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers is 10% or greater since the entry of the last order. The COLA adjustments are made without going to court. In non-Temporary Assistance cases, a notice is sent to both parties when an account is eligible for a COLA, and either parent may request the adjustment. For cases where the custodial parent or child is on Temporary Assistance, the COLA is <u>automatically</u> made when the account becomes eligible — without either parent requesting the adjustment.

#### UNDERSTANDING THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED

The Child Support Enforcement Unit will provide all child support services considered proper for your case as defined under federal and New York State law and rules. With your assistance and cooperation, services may be provided to you for as long as child support payments are due and owing. However, if the recipient of services is not receiving Temporary Assistance or Medicaid, the child support case may be closed for a number of reasons including:

- Paternity cannot be established;
- The noncustodial parent/putative father cannot be located after diligent effort or is incarcerated with no chance of parole, institutionalized, or permanently disabled with no ability to pay support;
- The recipient of services fails to cooperate or provide information that is essential to the next step in providing services;
- The recipient of services makes a written request to close the case; or
- The Child Support Enforcement Unit is unable to contact the recipient of services by telephone or mail.

In order for the Child Support Enforcement Unit to continue to provide you with effective service, you must contact the Child Support Enforcement Unit to report any change in your address or telephone number, or to report any new information on the other parent of the child for whom you are seeking child support.

# SECTION 2 – RIGHTS AND CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM PATERNITY **ESTABLISHMENT AND RIGHT TO NOTICE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

# **RIGHTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF ESTABLISHING PATERNITY**

Paternity is established when parents sign a voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity or when the court determines the father of the child and issues an "order of filiation."

- Under New York State law, the noncustodial parent will be chargeable by the court to pay support until the child is 21 years of age.
- The child gains rights to inheritance from his or her parents. Parents also may have rights of inheritance from their child.
- The child may be entitled to receive death or disability benefits if either parent dies or becomes permanently disabled.
- The noncustodial parent has the right to ask the court for visitation with and/or custody of the child.
- The noncustodial parent will also generally have the right to notice to adoption and foster care proceedings.

#### **RIGHTS TO INFORMATION REGARDING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

You have the right to be kept informed of the time, date, and place of any court proceedings involving you. You will be provided with a copy of any order establishing, modifying, adjusting, or enforcing an order of support, or any order dismissing the petition.

#### **SECTION 3 – CHILD SUPPORT POLICIES**

#### SAFETY CONCERNS

If you have concerns that seeking to establish or enforce an order of support will create a risk of harm to yourself or the child, contact the Child Support Enforcement Unit to discuss these concerns. The Child Support Enforcement Unit can assist you in preventing your address or other personal identifying information from appearing on court documents or other documents pertaining to your child support case.

The Child Support Enforcement Unit shall prohibit disclosure of location information if requested by any person, where that person provides evidence that:

- The person resides in a domestic violence shelter;
- An order of protection has been entered;
- A court has determined that contact with the noncustodial parent creates a risk of physical or emotional harm to a child or custodial parent;
- A good cause determination has been made by the Temporary Assistance or Medicaid worker; or
- A domestic violence liaison has determined that there is reason to believe that disclosure of location information may result in physical or emotional harm to the custodial parent or child.

If your case is to be referred to the Child Support Enforcement Unit as a requirement for receipt of Temporary Assistance for the child and you fear that you or the child will be at risk of family or domestic violence if paternity or an order of support is established or enforced, you will be referred first to a domestic violence liaison by the Temporary Assistance worker. The domestic violence liaison may grant you a full or partial waiver from the requirement to cooperate with the Child Support Enforcement Unit. If you are applying for Medicaid for yourself and the child, you may claim good cause from cooperating with the Child Support Enforcement Unit to the Medicaid worker if:

- Cooperation is expected to result in physical or emotional harm of a serious nature to the child for whom support is sought;
- Cooperation is expected to result in physical or emotional harm of a serious nature to the parent, caretaker relative, or grantee sufficient to impair the caretaker's ability to care for the child adequately;
- The child was conceived as a result of incest or forcible rape; or
- Adoption of the child is pending before a court, or the caretaker is receiving pre-adoption counseling services (for up to three months after the child's birth).

In foster care cases, the foster care worker will determine the appropriateness of making a referral to the Child Support Enforcement Unit. The referral is legally prohibited under specific circumstances, including situations where the health, safety or welfare of the child or other children in the home will be adversely affected.

#### **SAFEGUARDING AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

The Child Support Enforcement Unit is required to safeguard the privacy, integrity, access to, and use of your personal information. This includes data obtained for a child support case that is kept in the child support program's computer system. Any information given by you can be released <u>only to authorized persons for those reasons authorized by law</u>.

**Use of Social Security Numbers**: Disclosure of the Social Security numbers of the custodial parent, noncustodial parent, putative father, and child are required by federal law (42 USC 666). The Child Support Enforcement Unit will use Social Security numbers only for the purpose of locating parents, establishing paternity, and/or establishing, modifying, and enforcing an order of support; for the administration of certain public benefit programs; or as otherwise permitted by law. In addition, these Social Security numbers will be subject to verification through the Social Security Administration.

#### **DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

Support payments are distributed according to federal and New York State distribution rules. The distribution of support payments is based on the payment receipt date and as follows:

- If the custodial parent is receiving Temporary Assistance, child support collections received will be paid to the State and to the social services district for reimbursement of up to the total amount of Temporary Assistance that has been paid to the custodial parent. The custodial parent will be paid a child support "pass-through" from the current support collected each month in addition to the Temporary Assistance. The pass-through is an amount up to \$100 per month of current support collected or up to the current support obligation amount, whichever is less, for any household with one individual under the age of 21 active on the Temporary Assistance case. The pass-through paid to the family increases to up to \$200 per month of current support collected or up to the family increases. The pass-through paid to the family increases to up to \$200 per month of current support collected or up to the current support obligation amount, whichever is less, for Temporary Assistance families with two or more individuals under the age of 21 active on the Temporary Assistance case. The custodial parent will be paid any support collected after the total Temporary Assistance paid to the custodial parent has been reimbursed.
- If the custodial parent <u>formerly received</u> Temporary Assistance, child support collections received will first be used to pay current support to the custodial parent followed by payments for support arrears/past due support owed to the custodial parent and then to support arrears/past due support due to the social services district for reimbursement of past assistance granted. However, collections received from federal tax refund offset will first be paid to satisfy any support arrears/past due support due the social services district for reimbursement of past assistance granted and then to support arrears/past due support owed to the custodial parent. The custodial parent will be paid any support collected after the total Temporary Assistance paid to the custodial parent has been reimbursed.
- If the custodial parent <u>has never received</u> Temporary Assistance, the custodial parent will receive all support that is collected and due, with the exception of the annual service fee and the recovery of costs for legal services, if applicable.
- If the custodial parent <u>is in receipt</u> of Medicaid, medical support payments will be paid to the State and to the social services district for reimbursement of up to the total amount of Medicaid that has been paid to a provider.
- If the child <u>is in receipt</u> of foster care, support collected will be paid to the social services district. Any support collected exceeding the foster care maintenance payments will be paid to the social services district supervising the child's placement and foster care to use in the manner it determines will serve the child's best interests.

# **SECTION 4 – LEGAL SERVICES AND COST RECOVERY**

#### LEGAL SERVICES

If your child does not receive Temporary Assistance or Medicaid, or your child is not in foster care, you may request legal services to establish paternity or to establish, modify, or enforce a child support order. Please note that the services of an attorney are not necessarily required to proceed with a child support case. However, if you request legal services, you will be advised by the Child Support Enforcement Unit of the cost of such services. The attorney assigned to your case is the legal representative of the Commissioner of the social services district and <u>does not</u>

represent you personally. The attorney's representation in this matter is limited to the establishment of paternity and the establishment, modification, adjustment, and enforcement of support obligations. Matters of custody, visitation, or other issues not related to child support will not be handled by the attorney of the social services district. Any information, written or oral, which you provide to the social services district's attorney or staff may not remain confidential, including information indicating welfare fraud that must be reported to appropriate officials.

If you have any questions concerning legal services, speak to a child support worker. If you wish to have your own legal representation, contact a legal services or legal aid organization for assistance or obtain the services of a private attorney of your own choosing at your own expense.

#### COST RECOVERY FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Costs will be recovered by the Child Support Enforcement Unit for legal services that are provided upon completion of the *Right to Recovery Agreement for Legal Services* (LDSS-4920).

The Child Support Enforcement Unit will recover the cost at the rate of 25% of your current support obligation from support collected, or if you are the noncustodial parent, the cost will be recovered at the rate of 25% of the current support obligation or payment you are required to make, and will be added to the support obligation that you pay until the cost is reimbursed. Each payment received by the Support Collection Unit will be credited to the account based on the distribution hierarchy described in Section 3 under *Distribution Policy*. This means that all support arrears/past due support will be paid in full before costs for legal services are settled.

#### **SECTION 5 – ANNUAL SERVICE FEE**

If the custodial parent is receiving child support services and has never received assistance through the TANF program (formerly Aid to Families with Dependent Children [AFDC]), in New York State or any other state <u>and child support is being paid to the family</u>, an annual service fee of \$25 will be imposed if more than \$500 of support is collected during the federal fiscal year (October 1 – September 30). When \$500 of support has been collected, the Support Collection Unit will automatically withhold the next \$25 received during the federal fiscal year to pay the fee. If the custodial parent has accounts with more than one noncustodial parent and both noncustodial parents have paid in excess of \$500, separate \$25 fees will be imposed for each account. Applicants/recipients do not have to pay the \$25 fee for child support services received in regard to Medicaid or Safety Net Assistance, or for services provided for children placed in foster care, where child support is not paid to the family.

#### **SECTION 6 – PAYMENT AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Noncustodial parents primarily make child support payments through income withholding. However, noncustodial parents can make payments directly to the New York State Child Support Processing Center under certain circumstances (e.g., support order is newly established and income withholding has not yet taken effect, or the noncustodial parent is self-employed or does not have an employer). Payments can be made with cashier's checks, certified checks, and money orders. In addition, payments can be made through electronic funds transfer and by credit card. The Processing Center does not accept cash payments. Visit the New York State child support website at childsupport.ny.gov or call the New York State Child Support Customer Service Helpline at 888-208-4485 (TTY: 866-875-9975) for further information on these payment methods. All payments must include the New York Case Identifier and be made payable to and sent to the: New York State Child Support Processing Center, PO Box 15363, Albany NY 12212-5363.

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE/ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

You may obtain answers to general child support related questions or your account information by calling the New York State Child Support Customer Service Helpline at 888-208-4485 (TTY: 866-875-9975 – Relay Service http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/trs-providers) or online at childsupport.ny.gov. A personal identification number (PIN) is needed for the website and the New York State Child Support Customer Service Helpline. You can request a PIN by contacting the New York State Child Support Customer Service Helpline.

RETAIN PAGE 1 THROUGH PAGE 7 FOR YOUR RECORDS. SEPARATE THE APPLICATION/REFERRAL FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, PAGE A-1 THROUGH PAGE A-8, TO COMPLETE AND PROVIDE TO THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT UNIT.

# **APPLICATION/REFERRAL FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

Retain Page 1 through Page 7 for your records. Separate the *Application/Referral for Child Support Services*, Page A-1 through Page A-8, to complete and provide to the Child Support Enforcement Unit (CSEU).

If you need language assistance to complete this form, please visit the local CSEU so that translation and/or interpretation services can be provided. If you have any disabilities that prevent you from completing this form and/or waiting to be interviewed, please notify the CSEU. The agency will make appropriate efforts to provide reasonable accommodations for you.

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Relationship of the Applicant/Recipient to the Child	The <b>guardian</b> is an individual who is not the parent, but has physical custody of at least one child under the age of 21. If the child lives with the guardian on a day-to-day basis, the guardian has physical custody of the child. Physical custody is different from legal or court-ordered custody. The <b>noncustodial parent</b> (NCP) is the parent who does not have primary care or custody of the child, but has a responsibility to pay child support. The <b>putative father</b> (PF) is the man who may be the child's father, but who was not married to the child's mother before the child was born and has not established that he is the father in a court proceeding or by an acknowledgment of paternity. The <b>child</b> is an individual under age 21 for whom support is sought. <b>Other</b> is an individual for whom no other listed choice applies. Indicate your relationship to the child of the matter: I am the (check one): Custodial Parent Guardian Noncustodial Parent Putative Father Child Other And Sections B and C) This is the: Social services district (SSD) or Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Commissioner's Foster Care (FC) Referral (Complete Section A, Parts II – IV, and Section B only. If support is sought from more than one NCP, a copy of Part II or an LDSS-4882B must also be completed for the other NCP). Go to Part II.								
Applicant/Recipient's Child Support History	<ul> <li>also be completed for the other NCP). Go to Part II.</li> <li>I have never received Child Support Services for the child.</li> <li>I have received Child Support Services, but my case was closed on: Month, Year, in the County of, State of</li> <li>I am in receipt of Child Support Services. My case is in the County of, State of, Case Identifier</li> <li>Are you or were you ever in receipt of federal Title IV-A assistance, currently the Temporary Assistance for</li> </ul>								
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Applicant/Recipient's Temporary	Month/Day/Y	ear	ast on assistance.		Where did you re				
Assistance History				rk State's	County of, State of s's Safety Net Assistance (formerly the Home Relief Yes I No				
	Enter the date Month/Day/Y	ear	ast on assistance.		Where did you receive assistance?				
	D/		/ odial Parent (CP)	or Gua	County of	on			
CP or Guardian Name	First		Middle		Last			Suffix	
Social Security Number (SSN)	-	-	Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)			Date of Birth	Month/Da	ay/Year /	
Gender	Female     Male	Race/Ethnic Affiliation (Optional)	□ Asian □ Black o □ Native American of □ White, non-Hispani	r Alaskan N		anic or Latina( /e Hawaiian or r		ander	
Primary Language		-	n's primary language ] Other (specify)	?					

	Part I -	<ul> <li>Custodia</li> </ul>	I Parer	Part I – Custodial Parent (CP) or Guardian Information (Cont'd)										
Mail Received in Care of (If other than CP or Guardian)	First		Middle			Last					Suffix			
Mailing Address (Current or last known as of //)	No. Street		Floor	Floor/Apt./Suite City				;	State	Zip	Country			
Residential Address (Current if different from Mailing)	No. Street		Floor	/Apt./Suite	City			State	Zip	Country				
Phone Numbers	Home ( ) Other ( )			Cell () Contact Pr □ Home					k ) Best Time to Call □ Daytime □ Evening					
Email Addresses	Home		Work					Other						
	First		Middle	I		Last			I		Suffix			
Emergency Contact	Emergency Contact No. Street				loor/Apt./S	Suite	City							
	State	Zip	 	Phone Numb	per				Email Addı	ress				
	Was the CP ever married to the NCP/PF?										_/			
	Place of Marriag	e City				State				Country				
Marital Status of CP	Is the CP now se	eparated from	the NCP	ים ?/PF?	Yes □N	lo	Date of	Sepa	aration	/	_/			
to Noncustodial Parent (NCP)/	Is the CP legally separated from the NCP/PF?  Yes						Date of	Lega	al Separation	/	/			
Putative Father (PF)	Is a divorce from	∕es □N	о	Name o	f the	Court								
Putative Father (PF)	Is the CP legally divorced from the NCP/PF?						Date of	Divo	rce	/	/			
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	Is the CP legally Court Location		n the NCI Street	Floor/Ap		City			State	Zip	Country			
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Part II – Noncustodial Parent (NCP)/Putative Father (PF) Information												
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	First			Middle	. ,	( )		Last			Suffix	
NCP/PF Name	Alias or Other Kn	own Name	·					Maiden Name				
SSN	_	-		ITIN	ITIN			Date of Birth		Month/Day/Ye		
Gender	□ Female □ Male	Race/Ethni Affiliation	<b>c</b>	Asian       □ Black or African-American       □ Hispanic or Latina(o)         Native American or Alaskan Native       □ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islam         White, non-Hispanic       □ Other						nder		
Primary Language	What is the NCP/PF's primary language?											
Description of the	Height	Weight	Eye	e Color	Hair Co	olor		□ Marks Describe		□ Tattoos		
Description of the NCP/PF	ft in.	lk	DS.					Describe				
NCP/PF Father's	First							Last			Suffix	
Full Name												
NCP/PF Mother's Full Maiden Name	First	Middle			Last			Suffix				
NCP/PF's Place of Birth	City		State				Country					
Date of Last Contact	Month/Day/Yea /		ationsh PF to Ap	nip of oplicant	<u>Note</u> : <sup>·</sup>	This field is	not applicable	to FC cases.				
Mail Received in Care of (If other than NCP/PF)	First			Middle			Last			Suffix		
Mailing Address (Current or last known as of	No. Street		Floor/A	Apt./Suite	City			State		Zip	Country	
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Residential Address (Current if different from Mailing)	No. Street		Floor/A	Apt./Suite	City			State		Zip	Country	
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Part II – Noncustodial Parent (NCP)/Putative Father (PF) Information (Cont'd)											
Incarceration	Is the NCP/PF □ Yes □ No		Name of	f Facility				Inmate Nur	mber		
Status	Facility Address	City			Stat	te	Zip		Country	Country	
	lf "Yes," answ Foster Care (F	P/PF married to son er the following "Mar FC) case" questions. mown," go to "NCP/F	ital Status of	NCP/PF to Som	eone (	Other tha	n the Custod	□ Ye lial Parent ((		□ Unknown NCP for	
	Name of Spouse	First		Middle			Last			Suffix	
Marital Status of NCP/PF to	Address	No. Street		Floor/Apt./	Suite	City		State	Zip	Country	
Someone Other than the Custodial Parent	Phone Number	( )				Email A	Address				
(CP) or Other NCP for Foster Care (FC) case	Place of Marriage	City				State	Zip		Country		
	Is the NCP/PF now separated?   Yes  No  Unknown Date of Separation//								_/		
	Is the NCP/PF legally separated?   Yes No Unknown Date of Legal Separation/								ion /	/	
	Is a divorce pe	_			-						
	Is the NCP/PF now divorced?  Yes No Unknown Date of Divorce//								_/		
	Court Location	City				State	Zip		Country		
	Is the NCP/PF □ Yes □ N	<sup>-</sup> employed? o □ Unknown				ember of a l ] Unknown	abor union/or	ganization?			
	Name of Employer Name of Labor Union/Organization										
NCP/PF Employment	No. Street			Floor/Apt./S	Suite	No. Street Floor/Apt./Suite					
Information	City		State	Zip		City			State	Zip	
	Country		Phone Num	hber		Country	у		Phone Nun	nber	
	Job Title/Occu	ipation				Job Titl	le/Occupatio	n			
NCP/PF Health Insurance Information	Does the NCP or PF's employer/organization offer or provide health insurance benefits?						Is the NCP or PF enrolled?				
Additional Information about the NCP/PF											

#### Part III – Child Information

If the Custodial Parent (CP), Guardian, or Other Noncustodial Parent (NCP) for foster care (FC) cases has more than one child with this NCP/Putative Father (PF), an LDSS-4882C form or a copy of this Part III must be completed for each additional child. Forms can be downloaded from childsupport.ny.gov, requested by calling the New York State Child Support Customer Service Helpline at 888-208-4485, or obtained by visiting the local Child Support Enforcement Unit. CINWMS Line Number Copy of Part III or LDSS-4882C for each additional child attached														
CIN W	/MS Line Number		Cop	oy of I	Part III c	r LD	)SS-4	882	C for ea	ich a	dditio	nal cł	hild	lattached
Name of Child	First		Middle	Aliddle Las			Last							Suffix
SSN	-	-		ITIN			-		Bir		Date o Birth	h		n/Day/Year / /
Gender	□ Male □ Female □ Unborn Due Date /	Name Biolog / Pare		gical Eather: First			Middle					Last		
Relationship of the NCP/PF to the Child	□ Parent □ Stepparent □ Putative Father													
Parents' Marital Status       Was the mother married to the father or stepfather of the child at the time of the child's birth?        Yes       No       Unknown         If "Yes," go to the "Order of Support Information" questions below.       If "No" or "Unknown," go to the "Paternity Establishment" questions below.														
Ple	ase note that if pater	nity was n	ot esta	blished	I for the c	hild,	a pater	nity	affidavit r	nust k	be com	oleted.		
	Was paternity established?  Yes – Go to the "Paternity Establishment" questions below. You <u>do not</u> need to complete the "State of Jurisdiction" questions below. No – Go to the "State of Jurisdiction" questions below. Unknown – Go to the "State of Jurisdiction" questions below.													
Paternity Establishment	Established in Cou	How was paternity established?       In what county, state, and country was paternity established?         Description       //         Name of Court       //         Description       //												
							Coun	try _						
	Where was the child of										ntry			
State of	Did the PF provide pr	enatal exp	enses o	or suppo	ort for the	child?	)				Yes	□ No		Unknown
Jurisdiction	Did the PF reside with	n the child	in New York State?											
	Does the child reside	in New Yo	ork State	e as the	result of a	acts o	r direct	ives	of the PF?		] Yes	□ No		Unknown
	Is there an order of su If "Yes," what is the d				Yes □ N /						alth insu es □ N			
Order of Support Information	Obligation Amount	\$		Veekly Dther	□ Every t	wo w	eeks 🗆	∃ Mo	nthly 🗆 T	wice	per mon	.th		
	Court that Issued the Order	□ Famil <u></u> □ Supre □ Other	me Cou		County	/State	e/Coun	try			Court E	Oocket o	or In	dex Number
	Does the child have h If "Yes," identify the ty			Priv	/ate – Go t blic – Go t	to "He o "Pu	blic Hea	surai alth (	n nce Benefi Care Cove - Supportin	rage" (	questior	ns belov		ge A-7.
					s private h NCP/PF □				age? Jnknown	□ Oth	er			
Health Care Coverage Information	Health Insurance Benefits	Name of	Health	Insurar	ce Carrier		I	Polic	y Number			Group	Nun	nber
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	Public Health Care Coverage			🗆 Me	lic health o dicaid □ ly contribu	Fami	ly Healt		us □ CHP	Plus E	Other			

	Part I	V – Foster	Care Inform	nation	(Agen	cy Use O	nly)					
Foster Care Referral	district (SSD) or	The Commissioner or Designee must complete this section on behalf of the social services district (SSD) or the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Commissioner for a child in Foster Care placement.										
Name of Child	First		Middle			Last				Suffix		
Case Information	Case Number		Case Status      Opening     Changes or Updates			Reopening				/		
Category	What is the claiming category?  IV-E Foster Care Non-IV-E Foster Care											
Type of Placement	Voluntary Court Ordered	-						: 🗆 Day [	⊐ Week	a □ Month □ Year		
Name of Agency, Facility, Foster Boarding Home	County Agency Name						Туре о	f Facility				
Placement Address	No. Street	F	loor/Apt./Suite	City				Sta	ate	Zip		
Subsidy Information	Is an adoption subsidy □ Yes □ No	received on	behalf of the ch	ild?	Does the □ Yes	e subsidy ine □ No	clude Me	dicaid?				
	Subsidy Amount and V	Vhen It Is Pai	id \$		Per	: 🗆 We	eek	□ Month		Year		
Case Manager	Name				_	ne Number )			Ext.			
Application for Child Support Services	□ I am applying Foster Care re Signature of Com	eferral.						U				
	Date											

#### **Section B – Supporting Documentation**

You must provide <u>copies</u> of all available supporting documents to the Child Support Enforcement Unit (CSEU) for examination. CHECK ( $\checkmark$ ) the boxes indicating which documents you are providing. Copies of documents help the CSEU to establish paternity and establish, modify and/or enforce support. Supporting documentation also helps the court to make determinations regarding the incomes of the noncustodial parent (NCP) and the custodial parent (CP) and the amount of the basic child support obligation. <u>Please do not send original documents in the mail.</u>

Documents in Suppo	Documents in Support of Establishing Paternity and Establishing, Modifying and/or Enforcing Support											
Birth Certificate of the Child	□ Order of Filiation	<ul> <li>Marriage</li> <li>Certificate of the</li> <li>CP and</li> <li>NCP/Putative</li> <li>Father (PF)</li> <li>NCP/PF and</li> <li>other NCP for</li> <li>Foster Care (FC)</li> <li>cases</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Separation Agreement between the</li> <li>CP and NCP/PF</li> <li>NCP/PF and other NCP for FC cases</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Divorce Decree for</li> <li>CP and NCP/PF</li> <li>NCP/PF and</li> <li>other NCP for FC</li> <li>cases</li> </ul>								
Paternity Acknowledgment	<ul> <li>Affidavit Alleging Paternity</li> </ul>	☐ Order of Support	<ul> <li>Most recently filed Federal Tax Returns and all Schedules of</li> <li>CP          NCP/PF     </li> </ul>	□ W-2s of □ CP □ NCP/PF								
<ul> <li>Adoption Subsidy Agreement</li> <li>Adoption Placement Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Pay Stubs of</li> <li>□ CP</li> <li>□ NCP/PF</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Benefits Notice or Letter regarding</li> <li>□ Temporary</li> <li>Assistance for</li> <li>Needy Families</li> <li>(TANF) or</li> <li>□ Unemployment</li> <li>Benefits for □ CP</li> <li>□ NCP/PF</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Award Letter regarding Social Security Disability for</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Social Security Card or</li> <li>IRS letter for Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for CP or Guardian</li> </ul>								
<ul> <li>Social Security Card or</li> <li>IRS letter for ITIN for NCP/PF</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Award Letter regarding Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Award Letter regarding Social Security Retirement Income for</li></ul>	□ Military Service (DD-214) of NCP/PF	<ul> <li>Social Security Card or</li> <li>IRS letter for ITIN for Child</li> </ul>								
<ul> <li>Attestation to Lack of Information (LDSS- 4281)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Information</li> <li>Regarding</li> <li>NCP/PF's Arrests</li> <li>Not Resulting in</li> <li>Incarceration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Information</li> <li>Regarding</li> <li>NCP/PF's</li> <li>Probation or</li> <li>Parole</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Information</li> <li>Regarding</li> <li>NCP/PF's Driver</li> <li>License</li> </ul>	☐ Order of Protection								
Information Regarding NCP/PF's Professional, Business, Occupational or Recreational Licenses	Proof of Child Care Expenses for the Child	Proof of Educational Expenses for the Child	Proof of Unreimbursed Health Care Expenses for the Child	<ul> <li>Health Insurance Benefit Cards</li> <li>Summary Plan Descriptions of Health Insurance Benefits</li> </ul>								

#### Section C – Application/Affirmation for Child Support Services

The Child Support Enforcement Unit (CSEU) will provide paternity establishment, support establishment, modification, review and adjustment, support collection and disbursement, and enforcement services, as appropriate.

Check and sign **Box 1** if you are applying for child support services and you are **not** applying for or in receipt of Temporary Assistance or Medicaid. For Safety Net Assistance referrals, the Commissioner or Designee of the social services district as the applicant for child support services must sign and print his or her name and enter the date under Box 1.

Check and sign **Box 2** if you are applying for or in receipt of Temporary Assistance or Medicaid.

Box 1

□ I am applying for Child Support Services pursuant to New York State Social Services Law, Section 111-g.

I hereby apply for child support enforcement services pursuant to New York State's Social Services Law Section 111-g and under Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act. I hereby subscribe and affirm under penalty of perjury that the information I have provided in the application and any accompanying documents has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true and correct. I agree to tell the Child Support Enforcement Unit immediately of any new or changed information that relates to the information I have provided in this form.

□ Check this box if you wish to request legal services. A *Right to Recovery Agreement for Legal Services* (LDSS-4920) will be provided to you for completion.

Signature of applicant for Child Support Services

Print Name	Date	
Signature of Commissioner or Designee of the social services district for a Safety Net Assistance referral		
Print Name	Date	

#### Box 2

#### □ I am applying for or receiving Temporary Assistance or Medicaid.

I hereby subscribe and affirm under penalty of perjury that the information I have provided in the referral and any accompanying documents has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true and correct. I agree to tell the Child Support Enforcement Unit immediately of any new or changed information that relates to the information I have provided in this form.

Signature of applicant/recipient for Temporary Assistance or Medicaid

Print Name

Date

Agency Use Only

Child Support Enforcement Unit/Support Collection Unit Representative (Print name)

Date

/\_\_\_\_/

New York Case Identifier

Worker Code

SSD Referral Case Number

Worker Name

Worker Location

Worker Location

Worker Child Support Services Application (Non-TA)

Opening

Reopening

Changes or Updates

Date of Application/Referral \_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_/

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

If you need language assistance, please visit the local Child Support Enforcement Unit so that language translation and/or interpretation services can be provided.

# **INFORMATION ABOUT CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

This document provides individuals interested in child support services with important information about the program (Sections 1-6) and includes a detachable application/referral for child support services. Section 1 identifies who is eligible to receive child support services, explains the assignment of support rights and cooperation, and provides a summary of child support services and the basic child support obligation. Section 2 discusses rights and responsibilities resulting from paternity establishment and right to notice of legal proceedings. Section 3 provides the State's child support policies. Section 4 discusses legal services and cost recovery. Section 5 discusses the annual service fee and Section 6 provides payment and contact information.

This information must be provided to all applicants for child support services and to applicants and recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid and Title IV-E Foster Care who are referred to the Child Support Enforcement Unit. If the child is in foster care, the applicant or recipient is the Commissioner or Designee of the social services district or the Commissioner or Designee of the Office of Children and Family Services.

#### SECTION 1 – ELIGIBILITY, ASSIGNMENT, AND AVAILABLE SERVICES ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

Any parent or nonparent caregiver acting as guardian of at least one child under the age of 21 is eligible to apply for child support services. Such person is considered the custodial parent in the child support case. If you are applying for, or receiving, Temporary Assistance (officially termed "Family Assistance" or "Safety Net Assistance") for the child, child support services may be provided to you based on your application for this program. Child support services may also be provided if you are applying for Medicaid for yourself and the child and you complete an application/referral for child support services. Child support services will continue after you stop receiving Temporary Assistance or Medicaid unless you request your child support case be closed. Child support services are also provided for a child placed in foster care and may continue after the foster care placement ends. If the child returns to you after being discharged from foster care, child support services will continue unless you request otherwise. A child under the age of 21 or a noncustodial parent or putative (alleged) father may also apply or be eligible for child support services.

#### ASSIGNMENT AND COOPERATION WITH CHILD SUPPORT

If you are an applicant/recipient of Temporary Assistance for the child, or Medicaid for yourself and the child, or your child is in Title IV-E Foster Care, you are required to assign to the social services district rights you have to support on your own behalf and any rights to support on behalf of any family member for whom you are applying for, or receiving assistance. For Medicaid applicants/recipients, this assignment is limited to medical support only. When applying for, or receiving Temporary Assistance, your assignment of support rights is limited to support that accrues during the period that you or the family member receives assistance. You are required to assign these support rights and, unless you claim good cause or domestic violence for not doing so, cooperate with the Child Support Enforcement Unit to:

- Locate noncustodial parents and putative fathers, including biological parents or stepparents;
- Establish paternity for each child born out-of-wedlock for whom you are applying for, or receiving Temporary Assistance, Medicaid, or Title IV-E Foster Care;
- Establish, modify, or adjust orders of support; and
- Collect and enforce orders of support through the Support Collection Unit.

If you are receiving Temporary Assistance for the child or Medicaid for yourself and the child, you will be sanctioned for failing to cooperate absent a determination of good cause or domestic violence, if applicable.

#### CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED

The following services are provided by the Child Support Enforcement Unit as appropriate, with your cooperation:

• Establishment of a case record.

- Location of the noncustodial parent or putative father, including obtaining information about addresses, employment, other sources of income and assets, and health care coverage.
- Assistance to establish paternity (legal fatherhood) for a child born to unmarried parents by voluntary acknowledgment of paternity or by filing a petition with the court.
- Assistance with filing court petitions to establish and modify an order of support according to the New York State child support guidelines, including obtaining health insurance benefits, if available, from either parent.
- Assistance in making an order of support payable to the Support Collection Unit.
- Collection and distribution of support payments. This may include collection and distribution of child support; child and spousal support; educational expenses; child care expenses; and cash medical support, if any of these are included in the order of support made payable through the Support Collection Unit.
- Enforcement of support obligations using all available administrative remedies including, but not limited to: income withholding from employment, benefits, or other income; interception of federal and New York State tax refunds; seizure of assets; credit reporting of support debt; suspension of the noncustodial parent's New York State driving privileges; and referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection. Court ordered health insurance benefits are also enforced by the Child Support Enforcement Unit.
- Filing and prosecuting violation petitions to enforce an order of support through court when administrative remedies are unsuccessful.
- Legal services (optional to the applicant) upon signing a *Right to Recovery Agreement for Legal Services* (LDSS-4920) for court proceedings. Costs will be recovered for legal services.
- Child support services listed above where parents live in other counties, states, or countries.
- Continuation of child support services listed above when a family is no longer eligible for Temporary Assistance, Medicaid, or foster care.
- New York State Child Support Website: childsupport.ny.gov
- New York State Child Support Customer Service Helpline at 888-208-4485.

#### **INFORMATION ABOUT BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS**

The Child Support Enforcement Unit can help you establish or modify a child support order based on New York State's child support guidelines. The basic child support obligation (BCSO) includes a percentage-based obligation, a provision for health insurance coverage and/or cash medical support, child care expenses, and educational expenses for the child, if determined by the court (refer to Family Court Act Section 413).

**Percentage-Based Obligation**: The base calculation paid by the noncustodial parent is determined using a fixed percentage of combined parental income, based on the number of children involved.

1 child17%	Example:
2 children25%	The noncustodial parent's pro rata share of income available
3 children29%	for support is \$25,000. For one child, application of the guidelines
4 children31%	percentage yields an annual percentage-based obligation of \$4,250
5 or moreat least 35%	(i.e., 17% of \$25,000).

The percentage guideline is applied to combined parental income up to \$136,000 (minus Medicare, Social Security, New York City or Yonkers tax, certain unreimbursed employee business expenses, certain alimony or maintenance paid or to be paid, and certain child support actually paid). "Income" means such income as reported on the federal income tax return and, to the extent not reported on the tax return, workers' compensation benefits, disability payments, unemployment benefits, social security benefits, veteran's benefits, pensions and other forms of income. Above \$136,000 (which will increase in 2014 and every two years thereafter with changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers) the court determines whether or not to use the percentage guidelines. The court may deviate from the percentage-based obligation based on the factors set forth in Family Court Act Section 413(1)(f).

**Low Income Obligation**: When the noncustodial parent's income is determined by the court to be at or below the federal poverty level for a single person, the presumptive support amount is \$25 per month. When income is at or below the self-support reserve (135% of the federal poverty level), but above the federal poverty level, the presumptive support amount is \$50 per month.

Additional Elements of Support: The court must determine the parties' obligation to provide health insurance benefits, pay cash medical support toward the cost of health insurance or public coverage, and pay for other health care expenses not covered by insurance. Health care coverage may be provided through a public entity or by a parent through an employer or organization, or through other available health insurance or health care coverage plans. The BCSO must also be increased to cover reasonable child care expenses if the custodial parent is working, in school, or in a vocational training program. If the custodial parent is looking for work and incurs child care expenses, the court may determine the noncustodial parent's share of these expenses. In addition, the court may increase the BCSO to cover the reasonable educational expenses of the child.

**Foster Care and Child Support Obligations:** In foster care cases, both parents are noncustodial parents with an obligation to pay support based on the child support guidelines. However, where the amount of support determined under the guidelines exceeds the costs of foster care, the Child Support Enforcement Unit may argue to the court that the amount of support is unjust or inappropriate and that the amount of support ordered to be paid should not exceed the actual costs of foster care plus any costs attributable to the costs of medical assistance paid on behalf of the child.

**Modification of Orders**: The Child Support Enforcement Unit can assist you in filing a petition to modify your order of support, if needed. Either party has the right to seek a modification of the order of support based upon a showing of a substantial change in circumstances. If the order was effective on or after October 13, 2010, incarceration shall not be a bar to finding a substantial change in circumstances provided such incarceration is not the result of non-payment of a child support order, or an offense against the custodial parent or child who is the subject of the order or judgment. Additionally, under certain conditions pursuant to Family Court Act Section 451(2)(b), an order of support can be modified based upon: (1) the passage of three years since the order was entered, last modified or adjusted; or (2) a change in either party's gross income by fifteen percent or more since the order was entered, last modified or adjusted. Bases (1) and (2) for seeking a modification of the order of support do not apply if the:

- Original order of support was entered prior to October 13, 2010; or
- Parties entered into a validly executed agreement or stipulation prior to October 13, 2010 which was incorporated into the original order of support; or
- Parties have specifically opted out of the bases provided in (1) and/or (2) in a validly executed agreement or stipulation entered into on or after October 13, 2010.

**Cost of Living Adjustment**: Every two years the Child Support Enforcement Unit will review the account to determine whether the account is eligible for a cost of living adjustment (COLA). An order of support is eligible for a COLA if: (1) it has been at least two years since the order was issued or modified by the court, or last received a COLA; and (2) the sum of the annual average changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers is 10% or greater since the entry of the last order. The COLA adjustments are made without going to court. In non-Temporary Assistance cases, a notice is sent to both parties when an account is eligible for a COLA, and either parent may request the adjustment. For cases where the custodial parent or child is on Temporary Assistance, the COLA is <u>automatically</u> made when the account becomes eligible — without either parent requesting the adjustment.

#### UNDERSTANDING THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED

The Child Support Enforcement Unit will provide all child support services considered proper for your case as defined under federal and New York State law and rules. With your assistance and cooperation, services may be provided to you for as long as child support payments are due and owing. However, if the recipient of services is not receiving Temporary Assistance or Medicaid, the child support case may be closed for a number of reasons including:

- Paternity cannot be established;
- The noncustodial parent/putative father cannot be located after diligent effort or is incarcerated with no chance of parole, institutionalized, or permanently disabled with no ability to pay support;
- The recipient of services fails to cooperate or provide information that is essential to the next step in providing services;
- The recipient of services makes a written request to close the case; or
- The Child Support Enforcement Unit is unable to contact the recipient of services by telephone or mail.

In order for the Child Support Enforcement Unit to continue to provide you with effective service, you must contact the Child Support Enforcement Unit to report any change in your address or telephone number, or to report any new information on the other parent of the child for whom you are seeking child support.

#### SECTION 2 – RIGHTS AND CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT AND RIGHT TO NOTICE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS <u>RIGHTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF ESTABLISHING PATERNITY</u>

Paternity is established when parents sign a voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity or when the court determines the father of the child and issues an "order of filiation."

- Under New York State law, the noncustodial parent will be chargeable by the court to pay support until the child is 21 years of age.
- The child gains rights to inheritance from his or her parents. Parents also may have rights of inheritance from their child.
- The child may be entitled to receive death or disability benefits if either parent dies or becomes permanently disabled.
- The noncustodial parent has the right to ask the court for visitation with and/or custody of the child.
- The noncustodial parent will also generally have the right to notice to adoption and foster care proceedings.

#### **RIGHTS TO INFORMATION REGARDING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

You have the right to be kept informed of the time, date, and place of any court proceedings involving you. You will be provided with a copy of any order establishing, modifying, adjusting, or enforcing an order of support, or any order dismissing the petition.

# **SECTION 3 – CHILD SUPPORT POLICIES**

#### SAFETY CONCERNS

If you have concerns that seeking to establish or enforce an order of support will create a risk of harm to yourself or the child, contact the Child Support Enforcement Unit to discuss these concerns. The Child Support Enforcement Unit can assist you in preventing your address or other personal identifying information from appearing on court documents or other documents pertaining to your child support case.

The Child Support Enforcement Unit shall prohibit disclosure of location information if requested by any person, where that person provides evidence that:

- The person resides in a domestic violence shelter;
- An order of protection has been entered;
- A court has determined that contact with the noncustodial parent creates a risk of physical or emotional harm to a child or custodial parent;
- A good cause determination has been made by the Temporary Assistance or Medicaid worker; or
- A domestic violence liaison has determined that there is reason to believe that disclosure of location information may result in physical or emotional harm to the custodial parent or child.

If your case is to be referred to the Child Support Enforcement Unit as a requirement for receipt of Temporary Assistance for the child and you fear that you or the child will be at risk of family or domestic violence if paternity or an order of support is established or enforced, you will be referred first to a domestic violence liaison by the Temporary Assistance worker. The domestic violence liaison may grant you a full or partial waiver from the requirement to cooperate with the Child Support Enforcement Unit. If you are applying for Medicaid for yourself and the child, you may claim good cause from cooperating with the Child Support Enforcement Unit to the Medicaid worker if:

- Cooperation is expected to result in physical or emotional harm of a serious nature to the child for whom support is sought;
- Cooperation is expected to result in physical or emotional harm of a serious nature to the parent, caretaker relative, or grantee sufficient to impair the caretaker's ability to care for the child adequately;
- The child was conceived as a result of incest or forcible rape; or
- Adoption of the child is pending before a court, or the caretaker is receiving pre-adoption counseling services (for up to three months after the child's birth).

In foster care cases, the foster care worker will determine the appropriateness of making a referral to the Child Support Enforcement Unit. The referral is legally prohibited under specific circumstances, including situations where the health, safety or welfare of the child or other children in the home will be adversely affected.

#### **SAFEGUARDING AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

The Child Support Enforcement Unit is required to safeguard the privacy, integrity, access to, and use of your personal information. This includes data obtained for a child support case that is kept in the child support program's computer system. Any information given by you can be released <u>only to authorized persons for those reasons authorized by law</u>.

**Use of Social Security Numbers**: Disclosure of the Social Security numbers of the custodial parent, noncustodial parent, putative father, and child are required by federal law (42 USC 666). The Child Support Enforcement Unit will use Social Security numbers only for the purpose of locating parents, establishing paternity, and/or establishing, modifying, and enforcing an order of support; for the administration of certain public benefit programs; or as otherwise permitted by law. In addition, these Social Security numbers will be subject to verification through the Social Security Administration.

#### **DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

Support payments are distributed according to federal and New York State distribution rules. The distribution of support payments is based on the payment receipt date and as follows:

- If the custodial parent is receiving Temporary Assistance, child support collections received will be paid to the State and to the social services district for reimbursement of up to the total amount of Temporary Assistance that has been paid to the custodial parent. The custodial parent will be paid a child support "pass-through" from the current support collected each month in addition to the Temporary Assistance. The pass-through is an amount up to \$100 per month of current support collected or up to the current support obligation amount, whichever is less, for any household with one individual under the age of 21 active on the Temporary Assistance case. The pass-through paid to the family increases to up to \$200 per month of current support collected or up to the family increases. The pass-through paid to the family increases to up to \$200 per month of current support collected or up to the current support obligation amount, whichever is less, for Temporary Assistance families with two or more individuals under the age of 21 active on the Temporary Assistance case. The custodial parent will be paid any support collected after the total Temporary Assistance paid to the custodial parent has been reimbursed.
- If the custodial parent <u>formerly received</u> Temporary Assistance, child support collections received will first be used to pay current support to the custodial parent followed by payments for support arrears/past due support owed to the custodial parent and then to support arrears/past due support due to the social services district for reimbursement of past assistance granted. However, collections received from federal tax refund offset will first be paid to satisfy any support arrears/past due support due the social services district for reimbursement of past assistance granted and then to support arrears/past due support owed to the custodial parent. The custodial parent will be paid any support collected after the total Temporary Assistance paid to the custodial parent has been reimbursed.
- If the custodial parent <u>has never received</u> Temporary Assistance, the custodial parent will receive all support that is collected and due, with the exception of the annual service fee and the recovery of costs for legal services, if applicable.
- If the custodial parent is in receipt of Medicaid, medical support payments will be paid to the State and to the social services district for reimbursement of up to the total amount of Medicaid that has been paid to a provider.
- If the child <u>is in receipt</u> of foster care, support collected will be paid to the social services district. Any support collected exceeding the foster care maintenance payments will be paid to the social services district supervising the child's placement and foster care to use in the manner it determines will serve the child's best interests.

# SECTION 4 – LEGAL SERVICES AND COST RECOVERY

#### LEGAL SERVICES

If your child does not receive Temporary Assistance or Medicaid, or your child is not in foster care, you may request legal services to establish paternity or to establish, modify, or enforce a child support order. Please note that the services of an attorney are not necessarily required to proceed with a child support case. However, if you request legal services, you will be advised by the Child Support Enforcement Unit of the cost of such services. The attorney assigned to your case is the legal representative of the Commissioner of the social services district and <u>does not</u>

represent you personally. The attorney's representation in this matter is limited to the establishment of paternity and the establishment, modification, adjustment, and enforcement of support obligations. Matters of custody, visitation, or other issues not related to child support will not be handled by the attorney of the social services district. Any information, written or oral, which you provide to the social services district's attorney or staff may not remain confidential, including information indicating welfare fraud that must be reported to appropriate officials.

If you have any questions concerning legal services, speak to a child support worker. If you wish to have your own legal representation, contact a legal services or legal aid organization for assistance or obtain the services of a private attorney of your own choosing at your own expense.

#### COST RECOVERY FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Costs will be recovered by the Child Support Enforcement Unit for legal services that are provided upon completion of the *Right to Recovery Agreement for Legal Services* (LDSS-4920).

The Child Support Enforcement Unit will recover the cost at the rate of 25% of your current support obligation from support collected, or if you are the noncustodial parent, the cost will be recovered at the rate of 25% of the current support obligation or payment you are required to make, and will be added to the support obligation that you pay until the cost is reimbursed. Each payment received by the Support Collection Unit will be credited to the account based on the distribution hierarchy described in Section 3 under *Distribution Policy*. This means that all support arrears/past due support will be paid in full before costs for legal services are settled.

### **SECTION 5 – ANNUAL SERVICE FEE**

If the custodial parent is receiving child support services and has never received assistance through the TANF program (formerly Aid to Families with Dependent Children [AFDC]), in New York State or any other state <u>and child support is being paid to the family</u>, an annual service fee of \$25 will be imposed if more than \$500 of support is collected during the federal fiscal year (October 1 – September 30). When \$500 of support has been collected, the Support Collection Unit will automatically withhold the next \$25 received during the federal fiscal year to pay the fee. If the custodial parent has accounts with more than one noncustodial parent and both noncustodial parents have paid in excess of \$500, separate \$25 fees will be imposed for each account. Applicants/recipients do not have to pay the \$25 fee for child support services received in regard to Medicaid or Safety Net Assistance, or for services provided for children placed in foster care, where child support is not paid to the family.

#### **SECTION 6 – PAYMENT AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Noncustodial parents primarily make child support payments through income withholding. However, noncustodial parents can make payments directly to the New York State Child Support Processing Center under certain circumstances (e.g., support order is newly established and income withholding has not yet taken effect, or the noncustodial parent is self-employed or does not have an employer). Payments can be made with cashier's checks, certified checks, and money orders. In addition, payments can be made through electronic funds transfer and by credit card. The Processing Center does not accept cash payments. Visit the New York State child support website at childsupport.ny.gov or call the New York State Child Support Customer Service Helpline at 888-208-4485 (TTY: 866-875-9975) for further information on these payment methods. All payments must include the New York Case Identifier and be made payable to and sent to the: New York State Child Support Processing Center, PO Box 15363, Albany NY 12212-5363.

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE/ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

You may obtain answers to general child support related questions or your account information by calling the **New York State Child Support Customer Service Helpline at 888-208-4485** (TTY: 866-875-9975 – **Relay Service http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/trs-providers**) or online at childsupport.ny.gov. A personal identification number (PIN) is needed for the website and the New York State Child Support Customer Service Helpline. You can request a PIN by contacting the New York State Child Support Customer Service Helpline.

#### **RETAIN PAGE 1 THROUGH PAGE 6 FOR YOUR RECORDS.**

Information for an Additional Noncustodial Parent (NCP)/Putative Father (PF) Page of												
If support for the child is sought from more than one NCP/PF at this time, an LDSS-4882B or a copy of Part II of the LDSS-4882 must be completed for each additional NCP/PF.												
	First	Viddle				Last			Suffix			
NCP/PF Name	Alias or Other Kn	own Name						Maiden N				
SSN		ITIN -			-	ar /						
Gender	□ Female Race/Ethnic □ Male Affiliation □ M			Asian 🔲 Black or African-American Native American or Alaskan Native White, non-Hispanic				can 🗆 Hispanic or Latina(o)				
Primary Language	What is the N □ English □	-	-		)							
Description of the NCP/PF				ye Color Hair Color				□ Marks Describe		□ Tattoos		
	ft in.	lbs										
NCP/PF Father's Full Name	First	Middle				Last			Suffix			
NCP/PF Mother's Full Maiden Name	First	Middle				Last			Suffix			
NCP/PF's Place of Birth	City	State				Country						
Date of Last Contact	Month/Day/Yea /	Relationship of NCP/PF to Applicant         Note: This file				This field is	not applicable	to FC cases.				
Mail Received in Care of (If other than NCP/PF)	First	Ν	Middle				Last		Suffix			
Mailing Address (Current or last known as of //)	No. Street	Floor/A	Apt./Suite City				State Zip			Country		
Residential Address (Current if different from Mailing)	No. Street	Floor/A	Apt./Suite City			State		Zip	Country			
Phone Numbers	Home ( )			Cell ( )				Work ( )				
FIGHE NUMBERS	Other ( )		Contact Preference				Best Time to Call Dther Daytime Evening					
Email Addresses	Home	Work	Work				Other					
	First	e Last						Suffix				
Emergency Contact	No. Street		·		Floor/Apt./Suite				City			
	State	Phone Nu	umber		·							

Information for an Additional Noncustodial Parent (NCP)/Putative Father (PF) (Cont'd)											
Incarceration	Is the NCP/PF i □ Yes □ No		Name of	fFacility				Inmate Nur	nber		
Status	Facility Address	City		S			te Zip		Country		
	Was/is the NCP/PF married to someone other than the CP or Other NCP for a FC case? If "Yes," answer the following "Marital Status of NCP/PF to Someone Other than the Custodial Parent (CP) or Other NCP for Foster Care (FC) case" questions. If "No" or "Unknown," go to "NCP/PF Employment Information" questions below.										
	Name of Spouse	First		Middle	Last			Suffix			
Marital Status of	Address	No. Street		Floor/Apt./S	uite	City		State	Zip	Country	
NCP/PF to Someone Other than the	Phone Number	( )				Email A	ddress		· ·		
Custodial Parent (CP) or Other NCP For Foster Care	Place of Marriage	City				State	Zip		Country		
(FC) case	Is the NCP/PF	now separated?	own	Date of Separation//				/			
	Is the NCP/PF legally separated?   Yes  No  Unknown Date of Legal Separation//										
	Is a divorce pending?   Yes  No  Unknown										
	Is the NCP/PF	now divorced?	□ Yes	wn	Date of Divorce /				_/		
	Court Location	City				State	Zip		Country		
	Is the NCP/PF employed?       Date Last Employed       Is the NCP/PF a member of a labor union/organization?         Yes       No       Unknown       Yes       No       Unknown										
	Name of Empl	oyer			Name of Labor Union/Organization						
NCP/PF Employment	No. Street		iite	No. S	Street		Floor/Apt./Suite				
Information	City		State	State Zip					State	Zip	
	Country Phone Number ( )						/		Phone Number ( )		
	Job Title/Occu	pation		Job Title/Occupation							
NCP/PF Health Insurance Information	Does the NCP insurance ben		ganization o	ffer or provide he	alth	Is the NCP or PF enrolled?  I Yes (specify): Family coverage No Unknown					
Additional Information about the NCP/PF											

Attachment 4

Information for an Additional Child Page of												
If the Custodial Parent (CP), Guardian, or Other Noncustodial Parent (NCP) for foster care (FC) cases has more than one child with this NCP/Putative Father (PF), an LDSS-4882C form or a copy of Part III of the LDSS-4882 must be completed for each additional child.												
									WMS Lin	e Numl	ber	
Name of Child	First		Middle				Last	Suffix				
SSN	-	- ITIN					-	-	Date o Birth		nth/Day/Year / /	
Gender	□ Male □ Female □ Unborn Due Date /	_/	Mother: Father:			Middle Middle		Last				
Relationship of the NCP/PF to the Child	□ Parent □ Stepparent □ Putative Father											
Parents' Marital Status	Was the mother married to the father or stepfather of the child at the time of the child's birth? If "Yes," go to the "Order of Support Information" questions below. If "No" or "Unknown," go to the "Paternity Establishment" questions below.											
Ple	ase note that if pater	nity was	not estab	olished	for the c	hild,	a paternity	affidavit r	nust be com	pleted.		
Paternity Establishment	Was paternity established?       Yes – Go to the "Paternity Establishment" questions below. You <u>do not</u> need to complete the "State of Jurisdiction" questions below.         No – Go to the "State of Jurisdiction" questions below.         Unknown – Go to the "State of Jurisdiction" questions below.         How was paternity established?         Established in Court on/ /         Name of Court         Acknowledgment of Paternity on/										ernity	
	Acknowledgment c						Country _					
	Where was the child conceived?       State       Country         Did the DE provide property or support for the shild?       Did the DE provide property or support for the shild?											
State of Jurisdiction	Did the PF provide prenatal expenses or support for the child?          □ Yes         □ No         □ Unknown         □ Yes         □ Yes											
	Does the child reside											
Order of Support	Is there an order of su If "Yes," what is the d	upport for	this child	? 🗆	Yes □ N	0	Unknown		Is health ins □ Yes □ N	urance or	dered?	
Information (Complete only if different for this	Obligation Amount	ligation Amount \$ □ Weekly □ Every two weeks □ Monthly □ Twice per month □ Other										
child)	Court that Issued the Order	□ Family Court     County/State/Country     Court Docket or Index Number       □ Supreme Court     Other									Index Number	
	Does the child have health care coverage?  Yes  No Unknown If "Yes," identify the type of coverage: Private – Go to "Health Insurance Benefits" questions below. Public – Go to "Public Health Care Coverage" questions below. Unknown – Go to "Section B – Supporting Documentation" on page A-7.											
Health Care Coverage	Who provides the child's private health care coverage?											
Information (Complete only if different for this	Health Insurance Benefits	Name c	of Health I	nsurar	ice Carrier		Polic	cy Number		Group N	umber	
child)		No. Street Floor/Apt./S					ite City			State	Zip	
	Public Health Care Coverage	Indicate the type of public health care coverage:										

Part IV – Foster Care Information (Agency Use Only)												
Foster Care Referral	The Commissioner or Designee must complete this section on behalf of the social services district (SSD) or the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Commissioner for a child in Foster Care placement.											
Name of Child	First	Middle					Last				Suffix	
Case Information	Case Number	Case Status      Opening     Re     Changes or Updates				] Red	Reopening			of Referral	/	
Category	What is the claiming category?  IV-E Foster Care Non-IV-E Foster Care											
Type of Placement	□ Voluntary         Placement Date           □ Court Ordered        //////						-	ost of Car	-	: 🗆 D	Day □ Weel	k □ Month □ Year
Name of Agency, Facility, Foster Boarding Home	County Agency Name						Type of Facility					
Placement Address	No. Street	loor/Apt./Suite City								State	Zip	
Subsidy Information	Is an adoption subsidy received on behalf of the child?       Does the subsidy include Medicaid?         □ Yes       □ No											
information	Subsidy Amount and When It Is Paid         \$         Per:         □         Week         □         Month							onth 🗆	] Year			
Case Manager	Name     Phone Number       ( )     Ext.											
Application for Child Support Services	I am applying for Child Support Services as the Commissioner or Designee and this is a Foster Care referral.											
	Signature of Commissioner/Designee Date											