



306-3 Child Support Payments and Collections

Supersedes:	TANF 306-3 (01/01/06)
References:	45 CFR 264.30, ARM 37.78.102 and .215; House Bill 529 (2005 Legislature)
Overview:	<u>GENERAL RULE</u> —Child Support payments collected by the Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED) or paid directly to the applicant or participant must be evaluated for their impact on program eligibility and/or grant amount.
PAYMENTS TO APPLICANTS	Child support paid to and received by the applicant in the month of and prior to authorization of benefits and/or the first payment, is counted as unearned income in its entirety for purposes of determining eligibility and/or grant. (See TANF 501-1.)
CHILD SUPPORT SUPPLEMENT PAYMENTS	House Bill 529 provides that a child support supplement payment will be issued to TANF families, using TANF block grant funds. The amount is based on current child support collected from a non-custodial parent. This payment will be an amount equal to the amount of current child support collected, up to but not exceeding, \$100.00 per month per TANF household
PAYMENTS TO PARTICIPANTS FROM NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT	If the participant receives a child support payment from the non-custodial parent after the authorization of benefits, these payments must be turned over to the State. This is to offset the cash grant paid by the State.
IN EXCESS PAYMENT	<p>The child support amount collected by CSED for current monthly support which is greater than the grant amount for that month is considered an "in excess" payment.</p> <p>This "in excess" payment is retained by the State when the State has not been reimbursed for past cash assistance and there is child support due and owing to the State. This child support due and owing is called arrears. If there are arrears owing, the State keeps the "in excess" of the current payment to reduce the amount of debt owing.</p> <p>When the State has been reimbursed for past cash assistance and there are no arrears, the excess would be paid to the custodial parent.</p>
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