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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
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Re: SNAP: Child Support Expense Deduction

Overview

Legally obligated child support arrearage payments made by a household member to or for a non-household member are allowed as a SNAP deduction, as long as the payments meet certain requirements and are properly verified.

Purpose

This Online Guide Transmittal advises DTA staff that:

- A legally obligated child support arrearage payment may be deducted as a SNAP expense; and
 - A legally obligated child support arrearage payment is a deductible SNAP expense, even when the arrearage is not identified within the court order.
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Updated Online Guide Page

The following Online Guide page is being updated:

Topic: SNAP
Book: Expenses and Deductions
Chapter: Child Support Expenses
Page: Child Support Expenses Deduction

Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
