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To: Fiscal Administrative Procedure Manual Holders
From: Matt Damschroder, Director
Subject: State Child Support Allocations

As the result of a five-year rule review, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has amended Administrative Code rule 5101:9-6-80 "State Child Support Allocations." Minor language changes were made for clarification.

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State child support allocations.

- (A) The Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) issues state child support allocations to assist in provision of the non-federal share of allowable administrative program expenditures incurred in administration of the Title IV-D program. Additional non-federal share of funds is supplied by funds appropriated by the county commissioners from the county general fund or non Title IV-D program income and non Title IV-D fees.
- (B) State child support allocations are distributed to the child support enforcement agency (CSEA) designated by the board of county commissioners pursuant to sections 329.40 and 3125.10 of the Revised Code. Failure to comply with the requirement of operating a ~~single~~ Title IV-D child support enforcement agency will result in the county not receiving state child support allocations.
- (C) ODJFS issues state child support allocations on a state fiscal year (SFY) basis. ODJFS communicates the funding and liquidation period for this allocation through the county finance information system (CFIS). The CSEA must expend funds by the end of the funding period and disburse and report expenditures no later than the end of the liquidation period.
- (D) Methodology.

State child support funding shall be allocated using the following methodology:

- (1) Ten per cent of the statewide amount shall be allocated evenly among all counties as a base amount;
- (2) The remaining ninety per cent of the statewide amount shall be allocated based on the ratio of county performance for each category in this paragraph compared to the statewide performance for the same category, as reported on the most recent OCSE-157, "Child Support Enforcement Annual Data Report" (OCSE-157).

The OCSE-157, "Child Support Enforcement Annual Data Report" (2014) can be found at: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/css/resource/ocse-157-form-and-instructions>.

- (a) Twenty per cent shall be allocated to each county based upon their percentage of children with paternity established, derived by dividing the number of the county's children with paternity established by the statewide number of children with paternity established, as reported on line six of the OCSE-157 for the most recent federal fiscal year (FFY);

- (b) Twenty per cent shall be allocated to each county based upon their percentage of cases with a support order established, derived by dividing the number of the county's cases with a support order established by the statewide number of cases with a support order established, as reported on line two of the OCSE-157 for the most recent FFY;
 - (c) Thirty-five per cent shall be allocated to each county based upon their percentage of dollars allocated to current support, derived by dividing the amount of dollars allocated to current support on the county's cases by the amount of dollars allocated to current support statewide, as reported on line twenty-five of the OCSE-157 for the most recent FFY; and
 - (d) Fifteen per cent shall be allocated to each county based upon their percentage of cases with an allocation to arrearages, derived by dividing the number of the county's cases with an allocation to arrearages by the statewide number of cases with an allocation to arrearages, as reported on line twenty-nine of the OCSE-157 for the most recent FFY.
- (3) Where a CSEA encompasses multiple counties, the CSEA receives the allocations for each county represented under the CSEA.
- (E) ODJFS caps the allocation amounts as follows:
- (1) Effective in SFY 2019, the maximum increase or decrease in a county allocation will be limited to twenty per cent of the difference between the new earned allocation as compared to the prior state fiscal year allocation;
 - (2) Effective in SFY 2020, the maximum increase or decrease in a county allocation will be limited to forty per cent of the difference between the earned allocation as compared to the prior state fiscal year allocation;
 - (3) Effective in SFY 2021, the maximum increase or decrease in a county allocation will be limited to sixty per cent of the difference between the earned allocation as compared to the prior state fiscal year allocation;
 - (4) Effective in SFY 2022, the maximum increase or decrease in a county allocation will be limited to eighty per cent of the difference between the earned allocation as compared to the prior state fiscal year allocation; and
 - (5) Effective in SFY 2023, there shall be no maximum increase or decrease in a county allocation under paragraph (D) of this rule.
- (F) The CSEA shall certify expenditures as described in rule 5101:9-7-29 of the Administrative Code.

(G) The definitions, requirements, and responsibilities contained in rule 5101:9-6-50 of the Administrative Code are applicable to this rule.

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