

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES TITLE IV-D POLICY MANUAL	
	Chapter 5: Department of Child Services (DCS) Child Welfare Cases	Effective Date: 07/29/2020
	Section 7: Reimbursement Orders	Version: 1.2 Revision Date: 07/29/2020

BACKGROUND

A reimbursement order is a financial order that is part of the Child in Need of Services (CHINS) action. The reimbursement amount for each parent is determined by using the Child Support Obligation Worksheet; however, the reimbursement is *not* child support.¹ Reimbursement orders are most commonly issued at the conclusion of the CHINS action.

POLICY

Because a reimbursement order is not a child support order, it is not within the scope of the Title IV-D program. A reimbursement order is a judgment entered in favor of the Department of Child Services (DCS) against the parent(s) of the child.² The Title IV-D Prosecutor’s Office shall not establish nor enforce reimbursement orders. Reimbursement orders shall not be entered into nor shall payments be processed through the statewide child support system.³

REFERENCES

- [IC 31-40-1-3](#): Obligation of parent or guardian for cost of services provided to child adjudicated delinquent or in need of services; child support obligation worksheet; manner of payment
- [IC 31-40-1-3.8](#): Parental reimbursement for services provided by a county
- [IC 31-40-1-7](#): Distribution of payments
- [CHINS Benchbook Forms](#): Judgment for Reimbursement

PROCEDURE

N/A

FORMS AND TOOLS

N/A

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

¹ IC 31-40-1-3(b); IC 31-40-1-3.8(a); IC 31-40-1-3.8(b)

² CHINS Benchbook Forms, Judgment for Reimbursement

³ IC 31-40-1-3(d); IC 31-40-1-3(e); IC 31-40-1-3.8(d); IC 31-40-1-3.8(e)

N/A

RELATED INFORMATION

N/A

REVISION HISTORY

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Version 1	December 8, 2015	Final Approved Version.
Version 1.1	September 17, 2019	Deleted a sentence on DCS use of reimbursement funds in Policy.
Version 1.2	July 29, 2020	Updated hyperlinks. Reviewed for accuracy.