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CHILD SUPPORT BULLETIN

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Subject: Stockbridge-Munsee Community Foreign Employment Wages Income Withholding

Procedures

With the publication of this bulletin, CSB 16-06 is obsolete.

Purpose

The purpose of this Child Support Bulletin (CSB) is to provide updated information to CSAs regarding the process for seeking enforcement of **Employment Wages** income withholding orders by the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal IV-D Agency.

Background

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community, which operates the Tribal IV-D program, has adopted a tribal ordinance under which the Tribal Court must recognize all income withholding orders before the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal IV-D Agency can enforce the order.

Child Support Agencies (CSA) must submit all requests for **Employment Wages** income withholding to the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal IV-D Agency. The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal IV-D Agency will request the Tribal Court to register the order and grant full faith and credit to the order.

The text of the relevant Tribal ordinance is as follows:

YAE.09.14(b)(4)) **Foreign Income Withholding Orders.** All withholding orders submitted from other jurisdictions shall be sent to the Child Support Agency for review and verification of enrollment, employment. The Agency shall send notice to the payor that this order has been received and forwarded for enforcement. Included in the notice shall be the right of the payor to object in writing to the enforcement within twenty (20) days of the notice. The only allowable objection to the recognition and enforcement of the income withholding order is a mistake of fact (error in the amount of current support or arrears) or a mistake of identity of the payor.

Policy

Effective immediately, CSAs must send new requests for **Employment Wages** income withholding to the Stockbridge Munsee Tribal IV-D Agency using the:

- 1. Transmittal #1 including the Child Support Agency Confidential Information Form
- 2. Income Withholding Order (IWO)
- 3. Certified copy of Court Order
- 4. Certified copy of Payment History for the past 12 months

Please note there will be a 20-day waiting period, then the court will sign unless the non-custodial parent (NCP) submits the Waiver of Consent.

Send requests for income withholding to:

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal IV-D Agency P.O. Box 70 N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Rd Bowler, WI 54416

This procedure applies to income withholding orders, which apply to tribal members, and from wages, which apply to anyone employed by the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. For per capita withholding, please see <u>CSB 21-03</u> for additional information.

Once the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal IV-D Agency receives the required documents, the agency must provide a 20-day notice to the payor and petition the Tribal Court for registration of the income withholding order and an order granting full faith and credit to the foreign order. The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal IV-D Agency will honor the income withholding order once the Tribal Court signs the order according to full faith and credit. This process could take six to eight weeks.

Resources

Child Support Agency Confidential Information Form

Questions regarding this bulletin can be directed to BCS via the <u>KIDPOL Request Form</u> using the subject type options of Intergovernmental, Tribal.

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