

**WAC 388-14A-5500 How does the division of child support collect support debts owed by someone other than a noncustodial parent?** (1) Sections 17 and 18, chapter 171, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. (RCW 74.20.320 and 74.20A.270), provide that a custodian of children or other person who receives support money which money was paid, in whole or in part, toward a support obligation under 42 U.S.C. 602 (a)(26)(A), sections 17 and 22, chapter 171, Laws of 1979 ex. sess., or RCW 74.20A.030 must remit that money to the division of child support (DCS) within eight days of receipt, and is indebted to the department for this amount of money.

(2) By not remitting support money described in subsection (1) of this section, a custodial parent (CP) or other person makes, without the necessity of signing any document, an irrevocable assignment to the department of an equal amount of any support debt not already assigned to the department, but owing to the CP or other person, or an equal amount of any support debt which may accrue in the future. DCS may use the collection procedures of chapter 74.20A RCW to collect this assigned delinquency, to satisfy a debt owed under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) DCS may also make a set-off to pay the debt under subsection (1) of this section from support money in DCS' possession or in the possession of a county clerk or other forwarding agent if that money was paid to satisfy a support delinquency.

(4) DCS may take action alternatively or simultaneously under subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section but the department may not collect and retain more money than the debt described under subsection (1) of this section, refunding the excess, without deducting fees, to the CP.

(5) DCS must give the CP or other person an account of actions taken under subsections (2) or (3) of this section.

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