
Legally obligated child support arrearage payments made by a food stamp household member such as the father, to someone outside the home such as the local child support agency, are an allowable deduction even if the child for whom the payment is made is a food stamp household member. If any of the child support funds return to the home, such funds are countable income.

If one household member is making child support arrearage payments to another household member, there is no applicable child support deduction. The child support payment from one household member to another household member is not treated as income to the household.

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ACL 02-36 May 9, 2002 (Synopsis): CalWORKs Services for Parents With Children Who Receive Out-of-Home Care

Reference: Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) §11203, Assembly Bill (AB) 429, Chapter 111, Statutes of 2001

AB 429 provides for the continuation of CalWORKs services, under specified circumstances, when a child has been removed from a home, and is receiving out-of-home care. CalWORKs services include WTW activities, mental health and substance abuse treatment or any other activities allowable under CalWORKs.

Only natural or adoptive parents are eligible for CalWORKs services when the child has been removed from the home and placed in out-of-home care. CalWORKs services may be provided for up to 180 days from the date the of the child's or children's absence from the CalWORKs assistance unit. Funding for these services may be extended for good cause.

In order for a parent to receive CalWORKs services, the parent or parents must meet all of the following conditions:

- The child has been removed from the parent and placed in out-of-home care. (For these cases, out-of-home care is defined as a temporary care situation and one that requires a reunification plan).
- The assistance unit was receiving CalWORKs when the child was removed from the home.
- The county has determined that the provision of CalWORKs services is necessary for family reunification.

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