
Care 4 Kids Program

POLICY TRANSMITTAL



DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES-CHILD CARE TEAM

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Subject: Child Support Requirements and Other DSS Programs

Program Issue: Families participating in the Care 4 Kids program are required to pursue child support payments from non-custodial parents per Regulations Section 17b-749-04. Other DSS programs also have child support requirements. This transmittal clarifies when the Care 4 Kids child support requirement is satisfied by participation in other DSS programs.

Background: Families participating in the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program and adults receiving State Funded General Assistance (SAGA) for unrelated children are required to pursue child support payments from non-custodial parents through the DSS Bureau of Child Support Enforcement (BCSE). Participants in TFA or SAGA who refuse to cooperate with the pursuit of child support are discontinued from those programs.

Families receiving medical assistance for children through DSS programs are required to pursue non-custodial parents for support related to medical insurance and payment of medical expenses.

There are no support requirements in the Food Stamp Program.

Policy Clarification: The Care 4 Kids child support requirement is satisfied for children that are active on TFA or SAGA family cash assistance by virtue of their participation in these programs. Care 4 Kids will confirm participation in these programs during the EMS check at application and at redetermination. (The EMS program code for TFA is "AF" and for SAGA family is "SF".) The Care 4 Kids child support requirement is not satisfied by participation in medical assistance programs or Food Stamps.

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