

O Child, Spousal or Cash Medical Support

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Child, spousal or cash medical support is any payment ordered by the court and received by a participant, from any of the following:

- An absent parent
- The Clerk of the Court in Arizona or another state
- Any state's child support centralized payment processing center
- A private collection agency
- The Division of Child Support Services (DCSS)

NOTE For a listing of state web sites that provide [Child Support Payment information](#) on-line.

A child, spousal or cash medical support payment that is received by a participant but not court ordered is countable as a gift unless the payment is a recurring arrearage payment.

WARNING

Effective 07/01/03, DCSS began issuing child support income to [Benefit Cap](#) children. This support income must be keyed next to the participant for whom the support is court ordered to be paid, using the appropriate BC code.

Support payments are considered unearned income of the participant for whom the support is court ordered to be paid. Key the support income on UNIN next to the participant for whom the support is court ordered to be paid using the appropriate support income code.

NOTE Do not budget current support income over the court ordered amount unless the payment is for arrearages. Any monies received for current support over the court ordered amount are countable as a gift.

When part of a support payment is for a [Benefit Cap \(BC\)](#) child or a child receiving [Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\)](#), complete the following to identify a specific amount for each child:

- Determine for which children the absent parent is paying child

support.

- Divide the total amount of income equally between the number of children to determine each child's share.
- Key the portion of court ordered support income intended for a BC or SSI child separately.

Key the BC or SSI child's support income next to the parent for whom the support is court ordered to be paid, using one of the following BC codes:

- BC RE (current)
- BC AR (arrearage)
- BC LS (lump sum)

WARNING

Court ordered child support payments intended for a [Benefit Capped Child](#) or a child receiving [Supplemental Security Income](#) must be keyed next to the participant to whom the support is court ordered to be paid.

The following policies and procedures outline which support income is countable or not countable:

- [COUNTABLE Support - CA](#)
- [NOT COUNTABLE Support - CA](#)
- [COUNTABLE Support - NA](#)
- [NOT COUNTABLE Support - NA](#)

(See [Budgeting Child Support](#) for policy and procedures regarding budgeting support payments)