

## .01 Court-ordered Child Support Expenses - NA

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Court-ordered child support payments made by a participant to an agency (such as DCSS) or to the court are ALLOWABLE. The allowable child support expense cannot exceed the monthly court-ordered amount. When the participant pays less than the monthly court-ordered amount, ONLY the amount paid is allowable.

### EXCEPTION

Do NOT allow the portion of the child support expense that is paid with income that is considered NOT COUNTABLE. (See Example [Child Support Expense](#))

Legally owed child support arrearages are ALLOWABLE for NA when the expense has been verified as paid.

The participant may pay their legally owed child support payment to a third party in place of the cash payment. When this occurs, the payment is ALLOWABLE for NA. Payments include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Mortgage payments
- Insurance payments
- Car payments
- Medical insurance and bills

Allow the LESSER of either of the following:

- The court-ordered amount
- The verified amount actually paid

### WARNING

Do not allow employer charges for garnishment that are not part of the court-ordered child support expense.

Key the expense on EXPC as follows:

- Key current court ordered child support using the CS Expense Code.

- Key child support arrearages using the CS AR Expense Code.
- Key non-cash child support using the CS OT Expense Code.