

.01 Court-ordered Child Support Expenses - NA

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.

CA EXCEPTION

Key the expense on DEID. (See [Child Support and Alimony](#))