

D Budgeting Child Support Expenses

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Determine the child support expense deduction using the prior 30 days paid or by averaging when the payment varies.

NOTE The average monthly child support payment deduction must not exceed the monthly amount of the court order unless payments are for arrearages. When the court ordered amount includes spousal maintenance, allow only the portion identified as court ordered child support, or any arrearages, as an expense.

When monthly payments are made and the NA budgetary unit provides a record of more than one month of paid child support, complete the following:

- Average the legally obligated child support. (See Example [Budget Child Support](#))
- Budget the average monthly amount paid as the court-ordered child support deduction. Take into account any anticipated changes in the court order.
- Allow the average monthly child support arrearage payment paid.
- Adjust the deduction during the approval period based on reported or discovered changes.
- When there is no history of child support payments, anticipate the verified monthly child support for the NA approval period.
- When child support payments have been made during the income period used, [average the payments](#) to project the amount of the deduction.