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Division of Social Services  
Child Support Enforcement

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Dear County Director of Social Services

Reference: Deficit Reduction Act of 2005- Distribution of Pre-Assigned Arrears

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 revises the way child support arrears are distributed in former assistance cases to provide more support to families. CSE has made changes in accordance to section 408(a) (3) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA). The DRA limits the assignment of support rights as a condition of eligibility for Temporary Assistance to Needed Families (TANF) to the support that accrues during the period that a family receives TANF (not to exceed unreimbursed assistance). This is an effort to provide more support to the family

Under The Deficit Reduction Act (DRA), if a client has NPA arrears when applies for public assistance, ACTS will no longer create TEMP subaccounts to house the NPA arrears that previously were assigned to the state under Welfare Reform. Those existing NPA arrears will stay in the NPA subaccount. Under DRA, the assignment of arrears owed to the state, is limited to the amount of support that accrues during the time the client is Public Assistance, not to exceed URPA.

The CSE Manual has been updated; Chapter N.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy McArn".

Judy McArn  
Assistant Chief of Program Operations

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**Mission Statement**

*To consistently collect as much child support money as possible for the benefit of North Carolina's children.*