

	<b>INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES TITLE IV-D POLICY MANUAL</b>	
	<b>Chapter 5: Department of Child Services (DCS) Child Welfare Cases</b>	<b>Effective Date: 07/29/2020</b>
	<b>Section 7: Reimbursement Orders</b>	<b>Version: 1.2 Revision Date: 07/29/2020</b>

**BACKGROUND**

A reimbursement order is a financial order that is part of the Child in Need of Services (CHINS) action. The reimbursement amount for each parent is determined by using the Child Support Obligation Worksheet; however, the reimbursement is *not* child support.<sup>1</sup> Reimbursement orders are most commonly issued at the conclusion of the CHINS action.

**POLICY**

Because a reimbursement order is not a child support order, it is not within the scope of the Title IV-D program. A reimbursement order is a judgment entered in favor of the Department of Child Services (DCS) against the parent(s) of the child.<sup>2</sup> The Title IV-D Prosecutor’s Office shall not establish nor enforce reimbursement orders. Reimbursement orders shall not be entered into nor shall payments be processed through the statewide child support system.<sup>3</sup>

**REFERENCES**

- [IC 31-40-1-3](#): Payment by parent or guardian for cost of services provided by or through department of child services; presumption of indigency
- [IC 31-40-1-3.8](#): Parental reimbursement for services provided by a county
- [CHINS Benchbook Forms: Judgment for Reimbursement](#)

**PROCEDURE**

N/A

**FORMS AND TOOLS**

N/A

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

N/A

<sup>1</sup> IC 31-40-1-3(b); IC 31-40-1-3.8(a); IC 31-40-1-3.8(b)  
<sup>2</sup> CHINS Benchbook Forms: Judgment for Reimbursement  
<sup>3</sup> IC 31-40-1-3(d); IC 31-40-1-3(e); IC 31-40-1-3.8(d); IC 31-40-1-3.8(e)

<b>RELATED INFORMATION</b>
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