WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES Division of Family and Economic Security Bureau of Child Support

To:

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From:

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Subject:

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe Per Capita Income Withholding

With the publication of this bulletin, Child Support Bulletin 18-09 is obsolete.

Purpose

This bulletin provides the procedures for intercepting *per capita* payments for members of the Stockbridge-Munsee tribe in accordance with Chapter YAE.09 of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Ordinances.

Background

Some Wisconsin Indian tribes make *per capita* payments to their tribal members. Tribes usually pay *per capita* income on a regular, periodic schedule (i.e., quarterly, annually) and include the member's share of tribal revenues. Tribal ordinance requires that before requests for withholding from *per capita* payments can be processed, the tribal child support agency must first register the child support order with the tribal court. **Pursuant to Tribal ordinance GMG.02.07(g)(1)**, **If there are no judgments owed to the Tribe under Section GMG.02.07(f)**, **then up to 100% of the tribal member's per capita distribution may be withheld for child support**. Pursuant to Tribal ordinance Chapter YAE.09, *per capita* payments are not subject to withholding unless the child support payer is in arrears and the payer has not complied with the court ordered payment agreement. **Per capita withholdings must be applied to cases in arrears only and to the arrears amounts only**.

When the per capita payment is designated by Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Child Support Agency to a specific case, the rest of the noncustodial parent's child support cases may not receive child support money from the per capita payment.

Policy

In order to intercept *per capita* payments from members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe, a Tribal child support agency, county child support agency, state, or foreign jurisdiction must apply to the Tribal Court by filing a petition to register and enforce the child support order. This intercept will only apply to cases with formal per capita requests registered with the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court via the Tribal Child Support Agency.

Initial requests: The Tribal/County Child Support Agency, state, or foreign jurisdiction must send a request for *per capita* withholding *along with a one-time \$50.00 filing fee per case made payable to the* Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court. (Note: The filing fee is subject to change.)

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The new request for per capita withholding must include the following information:

- 1. The name of the tribal member
- 2. The tribal member's date of birth
- 3. Transmittal #1 including the Child Support Agency Confidential Information Form
- 4. An Income Withholding Order (IWO)
- 5. Authenticated (certified) copy of the order for support
- 6. Authenticated (certified) copy of the account history report
- 7. Verification of Enrollment (see instructions below)

Subsequent requests:

Any subsequent requests once registered need only submit a letter on agency letterhead annually to the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Child Support agency for withholding per capita income.

To obtain verification of the tribal member's tribal enrollment in the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, fax requests to 715-793-1307 or mail to Stockbridge-Munsee Enrollment Department, PO Box 70, Bowler, WI 54416. Send the request for verification on agency letterhead. The Enrollment Department will verify whether the non-custodial parent is an enrolled member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans.

The deadline to submit a request for per capita withholding is June 1st each year.

Mail the request to:

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal CSA P.O. Box 70 N8476 Moh He Con Nuck Road Bowler, WI 54416 (715) 793-4036

Upon receipt of the request, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Child Support Agency will process the request and register the order with the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court.

Resources

Child Support Agency Confidential Information Form

Questions regarding this bulletin can be directed to BCS via the <u>KIDPOL Request Form</u> using the subject type options of Intergovernmental, Tribal.

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