

Good News for Your Family



Jennifer, beginning January 2023, you can keep all of your current child support payments when you get cash assistance. You can keep this money and your cash assistance.

Your child support payments depend on the amount owed and how much is paid each month. **You will receive 100% of the child support paid if it is paid in the month it is due.**



How Does It Work? Let's say you have one child on your case, and you get **\$306** in cash assistance in March. The child support due each month is \$130. The parent who owes child support pays **\$130** in March. You will get your cash assistance **and** your child support.

\$306 Cash Assistance
+ \$130 Child Support

\$436 Total Amount to You

Still have questions? See page 2 for answers to questions you might have.

To get child support payment information, you can **go online** or **call**.

Go online

www.michigan.gov/michildsupport



Create or log into your account to view your child support payment(s)

Call us

877-543-2660



Listen to information about your child support payment(s)

Respectfully,
Office of Child Support

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Questions and Answers

Can I get my child support payments and get cash assistance at the same time?

Yes. When a parent who owes you child support pays in the month it's due, the child support program sends you all of this money instead of sending it to the state. You can keep this money **and** your cash assistance. This type of child support payment is sometimes called a "pass-through," a "client participation payment," or a "CPP."

I have one child, and I was getting \$100 of child support each month. The other parent was paying \$130 each month in current child support, and the state would keep \$30. What has changed?

The state will no longer keep any of the current child support when the parent pays the support in the month it is due. You will receive **all** of the current child support for your one child. Your monthly child support payment will no longer be limited to just \$100. If the parent pays more than the current child support due, the extra money may be applied to any past-due amounts owed to the state or you.

How much will my child support payment be?

The amount of your child support payment depends on the amount of child support due each month and how much is paid. For example, if \$130 of child support is due and the \$130 is paid, you will receive \$130. If \$130 is due but \$100 is paid, you will receive \$100.

If I receive Medicaid for my child, will I receive medical support payments too?

No. The child support program will still send medical support payments to the state while you receive Medicaid for your child.

If the other parent does not pay each month, will I still get a child support payment and cash assistance?

You will still get your cash assistance. If the other parent does not pay within the month that child support is due, you will not get a child support payment.

How will this impact other types of state assistance I receive?

You will need to contact your MDHHS specialist to discuss how child support payments may impact other types of state (public) assistance that you or your family members receive. If there are impacts, your MDHHS specialist will help determine what other programs are available to you and your family.

How will I receive my child support payment?

There will be no change to how you receive your child support or cash assistance payments.