

# Child Support Pass-Through

**If you receive cash assistance, recent changes may mean a difference in the amount of child support you receive.**

### **Can I get some of 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, you will receive some or all of this money instead of it being sent 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."

### **How much will my child support payment be?**

If you get cash assistance for one child, you can get up to \$100 in child support each month. If you get cash assistance for two or more children, you can get up to \$200 in child support each month.

### **How will I receive my child support payment?**

If you get child support payments now, you will receive it the same way. If you do not get child support payments now, you will receive your first child support payment by paper check with instructions for you to choose different ways to receive these payments. There is no change to how you will receive cash assistance payments.

### **When will I receive a child support payment?**

After the parent who owes child support makes a payment, you will receive your payment within two working days. You can receive a payment any day of the month. There is no change to when you receive cash assistance each month.

### **What if the parent pays every week? When will I receive a child support payment?**

Let's say you have one child on your cash assistance case. This means you can receive up to \$100 of child support each month. If the parent pays \$25 each week, you will receive the \$25 payment each week until you reach \$100.

### **If the 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 parent does not pay within the month that child support is due, you will not get a child support payment.

### **What if I have more than one child support case, will I receive more money?**

No. It does not matter how many child support cases you have. Let's say you have three children on your cash assistance case and you have three child support cases. This means you can get up to \$200 of child support each month because you are receiving cash assistance for more than two children.

### **Can I keep other types of state assistance I receive, like food assistance or Medicaid?**

It depends on your situation. Contact your MDHHS specialist. (S)he can help you with this question.

### **Is this the only form of child support I might get if I receive FIP cash assistance?**

No. You might receive past-due support owed to you. If you are not sure you should keep more than the maximum \$100 or \$200 child support payments in a month, please contact your MDHHS specialist.

**For child support payment information, create or log in to your account at [www.michigan.gov/michildsupport](http://www.michigan.gov/michildsupport) or call us at 1-877-543-2660.**

