

**GOVERNMENT OF THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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**CHILD SUPPORT  
\$150 PASS-THROUGH**

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**CHILD SUPPORT \$150 PASS-  
THROUGH**

The District of Columbia has reinstated the Pass-Through of child support paid to families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits. The Pass-Through was previously required under federal law, prior to the passing of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA). The District has decided to reinstate the legislation and participate in the pass-through program to benefit the children of D.C.

The new legislation will allow up to \$150 of a non-custodial parent's (NCP) child support payment to "pass-through" directly to the custodial parent (CP).

Under the new law a custodial parent can receive up to \$150 per month additional income in child support.

**PURPOSE OF THE \$150  
PASS-THROUGH**

- To grant access to additional monies to children receiving TANF benefits.
- To encourage non-custodial parents to pay their monthly child support obligation on a consistent basis.
- To encourage non-custodial parents to have an on-going relationship with their children.
- To aid the District's neediest children from living below the poverty line.
- To work in the best interest of the children and families of the District of Columbia.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **1. How does the Pass-Through Work?**

The District of Columbia will provide additional income to IV-D customers who receive TANF benefits. The new law allows up to \$150 of a NCP's child support payment to be distributed directly to the CP. The pass-through payment is provided to the CP in addition to the TANF benefits.

### **2. Who does the Pass-Through apply to?**

The pass-through applies to IV-D customers that are receiving TANF benefits with an established child support court order.

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### **3. How do I qualify for the Pass-Through?**

You qualify for this incentive if you receive TANF benefits for a child support obligation with current support.

### **4. How does the Pass-Through benefit me?**

The Pass-Through will benefit you by providing up to \$150 in additional income to provide for the needs of the family.

### **5. Do I get the entire \$150 as additional income?**

You will only receive the entire \$150 if your current monthly obligation amount is \$150 or more and the NCP pays.

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### **6. What time of the month will I receive my payment?**

The payment will be disbursed after the payment has been received from the NCP.

### **7. Do I receive my payment if the non-custodial parent does not pay?**

You will only receive the Pass-Through payment if the NCP pays their monthly obligation.

### **8. Will I receive the same amount each month?**

No, your payment amount is based on your current monthly obligation amount and the amount the NCP pays.