

SUBJECT: Final Rule Issued

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The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) has issued the final rule for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) "Flexibility, Efficiency, and Modernization in Child Support Enforcement Programs" published November 17, 2014. The final rule makes significant changes to strengthen the child support enforcement program and updates current practices to increase consistent on-time payments to families and increase the number of noncustodial parents supporting their children.

In addition, the new rule includes long awaited amendments to case closure. The changes to case closure will have a positive effect on case management by reducing the number of unworkable cases. Policy will provide updates as these closure reforms and other changes are incorporated into procedures. Please be on the look-out for additional updates.

The rule is effective on 01/19/2017. Compliance dates differ for the various sections of the rule. We will update Policy and Procedures as quickly as possible. You may access the final rule here.