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from the Policy Unit

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SUBJECT: Legislative Changes Effective August 9, 2017

Please contact the Policy Unit if you have any questions regarding these or any other changes at DCSS-POLICYQUESTIONS@azdes.gov or call 602-771-8127

The 2017 legislative session was outstanding for the DCSS. Two important bills, HB 2139 and HB 2192, were passed. Both bills have the potential of boosting collections and improving the agency's overall performance.

HB 2139

1. Encourages insurance companies to report insurance claims, settlements, awards and/or payments to the DCSS or our agent. The reporting will enable the DCSS to identify obligors with pending insurance claims who owe support arrears. When an obligor is matched to a pending claim, the DCSS or our agent will issue a withholding order or limited withholding order. The order directs the insurer to pay support arrearages to the State Disbursement Unit by withholding the full amount of arrearages that is not exempt by law. Exemptions include, but are not limited to, court costs, attorney fees, healthcare expenses, etc.
2. Eliminates the requirement for a child support arrest warrant for an obligor to be posted on the Child Support Evaders website. This change will greatly increase the number of nonpayers eligible for posting and help the DCSS locate nonpayers who are seriously delinquent in their support obligations.

HB 2192

Allows the court to restrict or suspend a driver license for nonpayment of child support. A restriction will allow the NCP to continue to drive for specified reasons, such as travel to work and parenting time, and will not impede the NCP's ability to create and maintain income.