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SUBJECT: Kansas and Step Down Orders

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

As a result of the 1979 Brady vs. Brady Supreme Court ruling, Kansas utilizes step down orders that reduce the current support amount, without court intervention, as each child reaches the age of majority. Upon receipt of a Kansas support order, review the order to see if it addresses how child support is to be divided among the children. Set up the order as a per child order and update the third panel of the SUOD (Support Order Detail) screen according to the instructions in the order. If there are no instructions, set up the varying amounts in an equal split between the children on the order. Enter a free worklist item for each child on their 18th birthday (the age of majority in Kansas) to ensure the accrual will be updated according to the support order.

When Kansas receives a UIFSA packet from another state requesting registration and modification of an out of state order, the order entered by Kansas will become a step down order based on their child support guidelines. There is an equal split for each child when the order does not address the per child breakdown. For example, if an Arizona support order for \$700.00/month for three children is registered and modified by Kansas to \$900.00/month, the first child to attain the age of majority will have a step down of an equal split of 1/3 for a new support amount of \$600.00/month for the two remaining children. However, Kansas must continue to follow the issuing state's age of majority for the duration of child support.

