

SUBJECT: Hardship Program Updates

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A new document is now available on Eloquence that will streamline the process for a noncustodial parent (NCP) to apply for the Hardship Program. The Hardship Program Cover Letter and the DCSS Debt Reduction Application have been combined to create the <u>Hardship Program Letter and Application</u>.

When a case manager identifies an NCP who meets the criteria for the Hardship Program and the NCP desires to participate, the Hardship Program Letter & Application and the <u>Affidavit of Financial Information</u> (AFI) will be sent to the NCP to complete and return to DCSS. Once all required documents are returned the case worker begins the review process.

Updates have been made to the <u>Hardship Cases: Forgiving Arrears Owed to the State SOP</u>, Hardship Policy and Hardship Procedures which include the use of this new document.

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