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**DCSE Policy & Procedures Unit**  
**Policy Update**  
**PPU 03-07-006**  
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**SUBJECT: Zero Court Orders**  
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**This PPU is to reiterate existing Policy information to all IV-D staff. Please SAVE this email for future reference. Please contact the Policy Unit if you have any questions regarding this or any other information we are providing to \*DCSE-POLICY, CSE.POLICY or (602) 274-7951.**

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A zero court order is any court order where the court has specifically addressed current child support and entered a determination that the child support amount should be zero.

Zero orders generally occur in situations where the obligor has no income or insufficient income to generate a support obligation under the guidelines, for example:

1. Obligor is incarcerated.
2. Obligor is receiving SSI.
3. Obligor has so many other support obligations that no support is indicated.

**Examples of orders that have been incorrectly set up on ATLAS as Zero Court Orders:**

1. Orders of Paternity,
2. Orders where the child support amount was blank and not addressed, and
3. Orders where the child support was "reserved".

**>>>>\*~When in doubt about the intent of a court order, consult your assigned attorney~\*<<<**