
DCSE Policy & Procedures Unit
Policy Update
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SUBJECT: Elimination of Statute of Limitations for Child Support

Please contact the Policy Unit if you have any questions regarding these or any other changes at
*DCSE-POLICYQUESTIONS, CSE.POLICY or (602) 274-7951.

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Effective September 21, 2006, the statute of limitations for collection of child support was eliminated. This means that after that date, it is no longer necessary to get a written court judgment to collect child support arrears that have not been reduced to a judgment.

This change does not revive "expired" debts and does not assist in cases where the last child has emancipated and three years have already passed. There will still be some cases where the statute of limitations has run and the support debt has expired. There will be some cases falling into an exception where it is not too late to get a judgment. Those cases should be referred to an attorney just as with the cases in the Hayden universe.

The law allows for collection of arrears if the obligor unreasonably impeded collection efforts or the IV-D child support program delayed in attempting to collect child support arrears. It may be necessary to seek judgments in cases where there has been conduct that hindered obtaining a judgment. If there are any concerns whether a judgment should be obtained, please contact your office attorney.