
DCSE Policy & Procedures Unit
Policy Update
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SUBJECT: Changes to the Assignment of Rights

**Please contact the Policy Unit if you have any questions regarding these or any other changes at
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The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 has modified the rule requiring an assignment of rights to support as a condition for receiving TANF cash assistance. The changes to the assignment of rights has also changed the distribution and disbursement of support payments in a current assistance case. New policy statements have been written for the assignment of rights changes.

There will be a greater number of cases where a check is issued to the CP during a current assistance time period. This is because as of today there will no longer be any new temporary assignments of support arrears.

The new policy statements below are found on **OPPM** in **Intake/Intake Policy/Section 20. Assignment of Rights** and in **Debt Management/Financial Management Policy/Section 23. Distribution Algorithm**.

Assignment of Rights

Assignments executed on or after October 1, 2009 are limited to the amount of support that accrues during the assistance period, not to exceed the cumulative amount of Unreimbursed Assistance (URA).

Distribution

For all recipients who applied for current assistance on or after October 1, 2009, support and related payments, except for federal income tax refund offsets, shall disburse during a current assistance period in the following order:

1. To current support assigned to the state of Arizona not to exceed the total amount of unreimbursed assistance (URA).
2. To temporarily assigned arrears which were assigned prior to October 1, 2009.
3. To permanently assigned arrears.
4. To never assigned arrears.
5. To conditionally assigned arrears based on assignments entered prior to October 1, 2009.

6. To unassigned pre-assistance arrears.
7. To unassigned during-assistance arrears.

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