

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

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CSSP LETTER: 18-02

ALL IV-D DIRECTORS  
 ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
 ALL BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF JUDGMENT LIENS

REFERENCE: Rescinds Child Support Services Policy Letter 17-11

PURPOSE: This letter rescinds the policy guidance that the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) issued on December 29, 2017, through Child Support Services Policy Letter 17-11, regarding the Release of Judgment Liens on real property.

POLICY: Effective immediately, local child support agencies (LCSAs) shall operate as they have prior to the release of the December 29<sup>th</sup> policy guidance. As provided by Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 116134, LCSAs either provide the lien release to the obligor for recording or record the Release of Judgment Lien on the obligor's behalf. Since payment of lien release fees by the LCSAs is discretionary, the cost would need to come out of an LCSA's current allocation should they decide to pay the fee on behalf of an obligor.

DCSS will convene a workgroup to look at current child support enforcement policies regarding liens and lien releases, among other issues. Once the workgroup has completed its review and has formulated recommendations, the Department will work with LCSAs to issue further policy guidance.

CONTACT: If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Vonnie Behm at 916-464-2998.

Sincerely,

o/s

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 Child Support Services Division

Reason for this Transmittal

- State Law, Regulation and/or Change
- Federal Law, Regulation and/or Change
- Court Order or Settlement Change
- Clarification requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by DCSS