

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES TITLE IV-D POLICY MANUAL	
	Chapter 20: Other Child Support Related Topics	Effective Date: 04/06/2022
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BACKGROUND

Under the Title IV-D state plan requirements, the Child Support Bureau (CSB) is required to provide services relating to spousal support when the spousal support order was issued in conjunction with a child support order.¹ The federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) has advised the States that it is at the State’s discretion whether or not to continue to provide Title IV-D services for the enforcement of only the spousal obligation after the child support obligation ends.²

POLICY

Title IV-D services will be provided for the enforcement of a spousal support obligation when such spousal support:

1. Is included in an order that provides for child support; and
2. Is for the custodial parent (CP) of the child(ren) to whom the child support obligation is owed.³

Title IV-D services will not be provided for the establishment or modification of a spousal support obligation.⁴

Title IV-D services will not be provided for the enforcement of spousal support if the only sub-account open on a case is for spousal support and the case is no longer eligible for Title IV-D services or is otherwise eligible for case closure pursuant to federal case closure procedures.

An initial request for spousal support only intergovernmental services will not be made available to foreign jurisdictions.

REFERENCES

- [42 U.S.C. § 654](#): State plan for child and spousal support
- [OCSE-PIQ-11-01](#): Spousal Support Only Cases

¹ 42 U.S.C. § 654(4)(B)(ii)

² OCSE-PIQ-11-01

³ 42 U.S.C. § 654(4)(B)(ii)

⁴ 42 U.S.C. § 654(4)(B)(ii) only requires enforcement of a spousal support order.

PROCEDURE

When all child support sub-account balances are paid in full and a spousal support arrearage balance exists, the statewide child support system will start the case closure process for closing the case to Title IV-D services.⁵

If spousal support is still owed, the case closure program will convert the case to an open non-Title IV-D (NIVD) case with a spousal support arrearage balance.

FORMS AND TOOLS

1. [Case Closure Complete Guide](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

N/A

RELATED INFORMATION

Chapter 10: Child Support Order Establishment, Section 2: Elements of a Child Support Order
Chapter 17: Case Closure

REVISION HISTORY

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Version 1.1	5/14/19	Moved from Chapter 3, Section 8 to Chapter 20, Section 4
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⁵ See Chapter 17: Case Closure for further information on this process.