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DHS TO DISCONTINUE COLLECTION FEE FOR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS) will stop charging a five (5) percent collection fee for processing court-ordered child support payments effective November 1, 2001. **This change only applies to child support payments that are required to be processed through the state’s centralized collection system.**

Charging a five (5) percent processing fee is a long-standing practice by county court clerks. DHS continued this practice after the start of centralized child support collections in October 1999, in order to help offset the cost of the new collection process. County court clerks will continue charging the 5% fee for child support collections that are not required to be paid through the centralized collection system, but rather paid through the court clerk’s office.

Employers and non-custodial parents affected by this change are being notified in writing.

Interested parties may direct questions to Kathleen Troope at ktroope@mail.state.tn.us or via fax at (615) 532-2791.