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Reason for this Transmittal

[ ] State Law or Regulation Change
[ ] Federal Law or Regulation Change
[ ] Court Order or Settlement Change
[ ] Clarification requested by One or More Counties
[X] Initiated by DCSS

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LCSA LETTER: 05-02

ALL IV-D DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION TITLE II BENEFITS

The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) have conducted a one-time match between the OCSE Debtor file and the SSA State Verification and Exchange (SVES) system. The resulting nationwide match identified 75,000 child support obligors receiving Title II benefits (i.e., Social Security Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)) where a potential for income withholding may exist.

OCSE has created and sent a SVES Match Report file to the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) for review as an additional source of child support. This match was created through a series of matches between data on the Federal Case Registry (FCR), SSA and the OCSE Debtor file. The match includes the Title II beneficiary/obligor and the child, if any, who is receiving benefits based upon the obligor's entitlement. Children who have been referred, but not accepted to the FCR, will not appear on the match report.

The report will be available to be downloaded on the LCSA Secure Web Site Case Worker Query Tool (CWQT) by those individuals with access to download reports (i.e., "Level 2 Access") in CWQT. The report will appear as 'SSA Garnishment Report' for each LCSA. The SSA Garnishment report has been enhanced to include additional FCR data elements to assist the caseworkers in their review and evaluation of each case.

The data elements included in the match are as follows:

- Name, SSN and Date of Birth (DOB) for the obligor
- Name, SSN and DOB for the child beneficiary (for child on FCR)
- Title II benefit amount
- Dependents drawing from the primary beneficiary
- Dependents entitlement amounts

- Address where the obligors' Title II benefits were mailed
- Entitlement start date
- Claim account number

LCSAs may find cases where they were unaware of SSA benefit entitlement. The SSA Garnishment report may assist LCSAs in locating obligors where generation of income-withholding notices is appropriate.

For this special project, OCSE and SSA have arranged for a post office box, at SSA, where all withholding documents resulting from this one-time match should be sent. SSA will collect the withholding documents daily and act upon them as quickly as possible. The PO Box address is:

SSA/OCSE
Suite 50
c/o P. O. Box 26430
Baltimore, Maryland 21207

This central post office box will be available to handle only the cases identified from this match.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the CWQT Help Desk by email at CountyCWQTHelp@dcss.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 464-5167.

Sincerely,

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