

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT
YOUR SUPPORT PAYMENTS**

Dear Client:

Federal and State regulations require the distribution of support payments according to a concept called "**Monthly Support Obligation (MSO)**". Philadelphia Family Court has implemented **MSO** as a part of the PACSES Computer System.

There are a few things that you should know to understand MSO:

1) If you have never received public assistance for anyone covered under your court order, you do not need to be concerned about MSO; it does not apply to your case.

2) MSO applies only to cases in which the client is the recipient of CURRENT SUPPORT payments while the Pa. Dept of Public Welfare is the recipient of payments on ARREARS.

3) MSO requires Family Court to figure out how much current support is due you each month, based on the AMOUNT PAYABLE and the PAYMENT FREQUENCY (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly). If an order is other than monthly, convert it to monthly as follows:

Multiply by 4.345 to convert a weekly order
Multiply by 2.173 to convert a bi-weekly order
Multiply by 2 to convert a semimonthly order

4) You are entitled to all support paid during the month **up to the amount of your MSO. If your order is \$50.00 per week, you would receive the first \$217.25 paid each month.** The balance of monies paid will be applied to arrears due the Department of Welfare unless arrears are due you as well.

5) If your order provides for arrears payments, payable to Welfare, those payments will be sent to Welfare only **AFTER** you receive your MSO each month.

Example: If in addition to the \$50.00 per week current support, the order provided for \$10.00 per week on arrears payable to Welfare, assuming no arrears due the client, payments for May and June would be made and distributed as follows [MSO \$217.25]:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Payment.</u>	<u>Sent To Client</u>	<u>Sent to Welfare</u>
May 1	60.00	60.00	0
May 8	60.00	60.00	0
May 15	60.00	60.00	0
May 22	60.00	37.25	22.75
May 29	60.00	0	60.00
June 5	60.00	60.00	0
June 12	60.00	60.00	0
June 19	60.00	60.00	0
June 26	60.00	37.25	22.75

You cannot lose money because of this system or get less than is coming to you because all current support is sent to you EACH MONTH before any money goes to Welfare

*If your last check of any month is less than the order under MSO, either: 1) the preceding checks that month have been for **more** than your order, and your monthly amount has been reached or, 2) the payor sent in less for the last payment.*

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