

Important Notice:

Client participation payments (CPPs) will end on Oct. 1, 2011.

Before Oct. 1, 2011, when you received cash assistance and had a child support order, you also received up to \$50 a month in CPP when support was paid. Only families receiving cash assistance received CPP. The CPP change will **not** affect you if you do not receive cash assistance, or if you only receive other types of assistance (food assistance, child care, or medical services).

Client Participation Payment Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a client participation payment?

A client participation payment is a child support payment given to a custodial party on a child support order when the custodial party is receiving cash assistance (Family Independence Program, FIP). The custodial party could receive up to \$50 of current child support paid each month. Client participation payments are only given to custodial parties receiving cash assistance. These payments will stop on Oct. 1, 2011.

2. Were client participation payments called something else in the past?

Yes. Client participation payments have been called the pass-through, rebate, and disregard.

3. Why will client participation payments stop?

Due to changes to the Fiscal Year 2012 budget for the Department of Human Services, the State of Michigan is no longer able to pass through the \$50 client participation payments.

4. When will client participation payments stop?

The State of Michigan will stop paying client participation payments as of Oct. 1, 2011.

5. Were client participation payments the only form of child support I get if I receive cash assistance?

If you are a custodial party and you receive cash assistance, you **might** receive past-due support owed to you. You may also receive support if the support paid is more than the cash assistance you receive.

6. If my child receives public assistance other than cash assistance, will client participation payments stop?

You only received client participation payments if you received cash assistance and if child support was collected.

The support you receive while you only receive the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), Medicaid, and other types of medical services will **not** change.

7. If I still have questions about my *child support order*, who do I ask?

Call your Friend of the Court office if you have more questions.

8. If I still have questions about my *assistance case*, who do I ask?

Call your family independence specialist worker if you have more questions.

9. If I receive cash assistance, can I keep all the support I receive?

Before Oct. 1, 2011, you must ask your family independence specialist worker if you can keep any child support that is more than \$50 in a single month.

After Oct. 1, 2011, you must ask your family independence specialist worker if you can keep any child support you receive.