

TO: Financial Institution Contact Person for
Data Match with Child Support Enforcement

FROM: Teresa L. Kaiser, IV-D Director
Maryland Child Support Enforcement Administration

RE: Agreement with the State of Maryland Child Support Enforcement for
Financial Institution Data Matching

Nearly one half of all children receive minimal or no support from their non-custodial parent. This is true even with the wide range of child support enforcement remedies available. To facilitate the collection of support payments, numerous federal and state laws have been enacted. The most recent of these laws is Public Law 104-193. This law requires each state to enter into a data match program with all financial institutions within their state. This matching program is referred to as the "Financial Institution Data Match" (FIDM) program. The Maryland Family Law, Article § 10-108.2 authorizes the development and operation of this data match program in Maryland.

Under state and federal law, Financial Institutions cannot be held liable for release of a financial record to state child support enforcement agencies. Additional information regarding these statutes can be accessed through the FIDM Alliance website.

The State of Maryland FIDM Program provides that on a quarterly basis, Maryland Financial Institutions will receive a file containing the names and social security numbers of non-custodial parents that are delinquent in their child support obligations. The Financial Institutions are required to conduct a match against their own files and return the matched information to the DEPARTMENT. Enclosed is the FIDM brochure that outlines general information about the program and processes. The brochure contains information regarding the Maryland FIDM Alliance web site and hotline where you may obtain supplementary information and download additional forms.

Also enclosed for your review and approval is an Agreement between the Child Support Enforcement Administration, Department of Human Resources and your Financial Institution that outlines the purpose and additional terms regarding the FIDM process. Please sign and return the Attachments to the following address or to any future address provided to the Financial Institution by the State:

Child Support Enforcement Division
Financial Institution Data Match Program
The Office of Procurement
311 West Saratoga Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

If your Financial Institution is participating in the multi-state matching through the Federal Office of

Child Support Enforcement or does not offer any financial products that meet the definition of account in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Family Law Article §10-108.2 and believes it is exempt from Financial Institution Data Matching, then complete the Disclaimer Form contained in this package and return to the above address.

A great deal of effort has gone into designing a data match approach that will be simple and efficient. The State of Maryland Child Support Enforcement is working with a 15-state consortium, the FIDM Alliance, to develop and implement the financial institution data match program. The FIDM Alliance has contracted with Informatix, Inc. to perform the data match services.

Please note that all data and match-results, including tapes or other media shall be sent to the DEPARTMENT's agent at the following address or to any future address provided to the Financial Institution by the State:

Informatix, Inc.
FIDM Operations
5913 Executive Dr.
North Tower
Lansing, MI 48911

We appreciate your involvement in this worthwhile cause and look forward to a successful implementation of a process that will greatly benefit the children of State of Maryland. Should you have questions, please contact Glenn Hooper at the Child Support Enforcement Division.

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