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Offsite Cash Payment Program Expands to All Child Support Payors

PHOENIX – The Administrative Office of the Courts announces that beginning January 11, 2021, the Department of Economic Security, Division of Child Support Services will open its PayInCashNow option to all child support payors. The offsite cash payment option is invaluable to payors who do not use traditional banks or prefer to make child support payments with cash.

The PayInCashNow network, powered by PayNearMe, includes 27,000 retail locations nationwide that accept cash payments, including 7-Eleven, CVS, and Family Dollar. The program allows a payor to bring in a barcode linked to the payor's court ATLAS case number to make a cash child support payment. Payors can use a printed barcode or a digital barcode to make payments on their child support, similar to making payments at a courthouse service counter.

Chief Justice Robert Brutinel's five-year strategic agenda, [*Justice for the Future: Planning for Excellence*](#), calls for ways to make it easier for individuals to make payments and for courts to provide ways to do court business away from the courthouse. This has been increasingly important given the coronavirus pandemic and limitations on entering courthouses.

Child support is a new addition to payments that can be made through the program, which already allows payments in criminal and civil cases, including traffic matters, and in juvenile cases. The program does not accept payments for warrants, probation payments, or other family court costs and the court must have entered a final disposition in the case. The 178 Arizona courts that participate in the FARE program accept cash payments using PayNearMe. Maricopa County Superior Court, Mesa Municipal Court, Tempe Municipal Court, Gilbert Municipal Court, and Paradise Valley Municipal Court are not currently participating in the

FARE program, but planning is underway for all courts to join FARE and to offer the same services to their customers. All other Arizona courts are participating.

Court customers can still pay their court and child support costs using a debit or credit card. Those who do not use debit or credit cards or who prefer to pay with cash can print or receive a barcode from the same website and use it at a PayNearMe participating retailer in Arizona or around the country to make a cash payment.

Although PayNearMe allows multiple forms of payment in its other programs, such as utility bill payments, Arizona's courts program is a cash-only service. Arizona participants using PayNearMe pay a \$2.99 fee to the vendor to process up to \$1,000 for each payment made through the service. Customers who make a cash payment toward their court-related costs will receive a receipt as proof of payment and the funds will be applied directly to the individual's court case.

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