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## CARES Act Stimulus Payments and Child Support Arrears

PHOENIX – The COVID-19 pandemic has created economic challenges for many in America. To provide fast and direct relief, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. Those who have a child support order that is being enforced by the Department of Economic Security, Division of Child Support Services (DES-DCSS) may have that stimulus rebate payment intercepted to pay child support arrears.

The Arizona Supreme Court’s Family Court Improvement Committee formed a COVID-19 Response Workgroup that developed the *Child Support and the CARES Act FAQ* to answer questions the public may have. Questions and answers include the offset process, income withholding, and modifying child support. Links to court forms and agencies to contact with questions are included in the document.

The English version of the FAQ document is posted at <https://www.azcourts.gov/Portals/31/Forms/AOCDRGN1H.pdf?ver=2020-04-16-142427-947> and can be found on the Court’s COVID-19 page at <https://www.azcourts.gov/covid19/>. When translated into Spanish, the document will be available on the Court’s Spanish-language COVID-19 page at <https://www.azcourts.gov/covid19/Covid-19-Information-and-Updates/COVID-19-español>.

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