

(7) COOPERATE WITH OTHER STATES IN ESTABLISHING AND ENFORCING CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS;

(8) COLLECT AND DISBURSE SUPPORT PAYMENTS; AND

(9) USE ESTABLISHED LEGAL PROCESSES TO ENFORCE COURT ORDERS TO PAY SUPPORT.

(B) RESPONSIBILITY UNDER COURT ORDERS.

EXCEPT IN A COUNTY THAT HAS A LOCAL SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OFFICE, THE ADMINISTRATION IS THE AGENCY THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT IN ALL CASES WHERE A COURT ORDERS AN OBLIGOR TO MAKE SUPPORT PAYMENTS TO A PUBLIC AGENCY:

(1) AS THE PAYEE; OR

(2) AS COLLECTION AGENT FOR THE PAYEE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 88A, § 59(b)(1), (2)(i) through (viii), and the third sentence of (5).

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, "program for support enforcement" is substituted for the former phrase "program to recover support payments", for clarity and consistency.

In subsection (a)(8) of this section, the former phrase "including but not limited to child support payments owed the State as the result of an assignment pursuant to § 48(2) of this article" is deleted as unnecessary.

In the introductory language of subsection (b) of this section, "criminal nonsupport" and "all civil", both of which formerly modified "cases", are deleted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b)(1) and (2) of this section, the references to the public agency receiving the support payments "as the payee" or "as collection agent for the payee" are substituted for the former language "to a public agency or directly to the payee", for clarity. This substitution reflects the interpretation given to the former language by the Administration in the regulations adopted under this section. See COMAR § 07.07.01.04.

Defined terms: "Administration" § 10-101

"County" § 1-101

"Local support enforcement office" § 10-101

"Obligor" § 10-101