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OREGON CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

TO: Interested Persons:

We have filed a temporary rule that will be effective October 1, 2016. A copy of the temporary certificate and statement of need is enclosed and a summary of the temporary rule change is listed below. You may also access the temporary rule at:

<http://www.oregonchildsupport.gov/laws/last90days/pages/index.aspx>

Summary of rule change:

The federal Office of Child Support Enforcement has identified retroactive support orders as a key cause of ballooning, unpayable arrears, particularly when entered for low-income parents. Large past support awards are a barrier to parental participation and to payment of ongoing support. The perceived fairness of compensating the custodial parent or the state for earlier periods when the other parent did not pay support is no benefit if that parent never pays at all. It leaves the Program with a record of substantial unpaid arrearages.

In step with the guidance provided by federal government, and with the Program's goals of producing appropriate orders, we are amending OAR 137-055-3220 to limit the amount of past support that may be established to the month in which the proposed order is issued.

If you have questions, you may contact Lori Woltring, via email at lori.woltring@doj.state.or.us, by phone at 503.947.4367, or by fax at 503.947.2578.

Sincerely,

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