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**Expiration of Support Judgment Remedies**

(1) Judgment remedies for the child support award portion of a judgment, and any lump sum money award for unpaid child support installments, expire 35 years after the entry of the judgment that first establishes the support obligation.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this rule, when the child support judgment being enforced was issued by another jurisdiction, the expiration of judgment under the laws of this state or of the issuing jurisdiction, whichever is longer, applies.

(3) Spousal support judgments entered on or after January 1, 2004: Judgment remedies for any unpaid installment under the spousal support award portion of a judgment, expire the later of:

(a) 25 years after entry of the judgment that first establishes the support obligation; or

(b) 10 years after an installment comes due under the judgment and is not paid.

(4) Spousal support judgments entered prior to January 1, 2004: Judgment remedies for any unpaid installment under the spousal support award portion of a judgment, expire the later of:

(a) 25 years after entry of the judgment that first establishes the support obligation; or

(b) 10 years after an installment comes due under the judgment and is not paid; or

(c) 10 years from the date of a judgment renewal.

(5) The judgment remedies for a money award for child or spousal support expire by operation of law.

(6) The Department of Justice, Division of Child Support (DCS) is responsible for completing expiration of judgment audits on cases receiving support enforcement services under ORS 25.080.

(7) If an audit result is that the expired judgment amount is greater than the current arrears on the case, DCS will reduce the case arrears to zero.

(8) When an expiration of judgment audit is completed, DCS will notify the parties if there is any change to the arrears as a result of the audit. The notice must include:

(a) The current balance or zero, as appropriate, per section (7) of this rule;

(b) Information that a party may make a written request for an administrative review within 30 days of the notice.

(9) If a party requests an administrative review, DCS will:

(a) Conduct the administrative review within 45 days from the date of receiving the objection to verify the case was adjusted correctly and make any necessary corrections or adjustments as determined in the review;

(b) Notify both the obligee and the obligor, in writing, of the results of the review and of the right to appeal pursuant to ORS 183.484

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