

**137-055-2060****Cases with Contradictory Purposes**

(1) Cases with contradictory purposes are defined as two or more child support cases in which the same person is, or has been, both an obligee and obligor in those cases and the cases are, or have been, assigned to the same Child Support Program (CSP) office.

(2) The administrator represents the interests of the state. There is no conflict of interest when the same CSP office is assigned cases where the same person is, or has been, both an obligor and an obligee. The administrator is responsible for impartial application of the law. Nothing in this rule precludes a CSP office from having cases assigned to them in which the same person is, or has been, both an obligor and obligee.

(3) It is recognized that a person receiving child support services or a person eligible to receive child support services may be reluctant to pursue those services because the CSP office through which they do or would receive services is, or has been, the same CSP office in another case where the person is, or has been, the opposite party.

(4) A person who has cases in which that person is, or has been, or upon application would be, both an obligor and obligee with cases assigned to the same CSP office may ask the CSP office manager to transfer one of the cases to a different CSP office. The CSP office manager will consider the request and either grant the transfer or explain to the requestor why the transfer is not granted.

(5) If a case is transferred, the assignment to a different CSP office will take into consideration the needs of the requestor and the other party(ies).

(6) If the CSP office manager denies the request for transfer, the requestor may ask the CSP Director to review the decision of the administrator and to facilitate a resolution.

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