

# Hot Off The Press

## Screen 113 - Court Ordered Deductions

Effective Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, a new version of Screen 113 will be implemented. Modifications have been made to the Court Ordered Deduction Screen in order to comply with the instructions in the Attorney General's Child Support Handbook for Employers. The cutoff amount field has been removed since it is no longer used, and the employee deduct amount has been split into four separate amount fields: Current Child Support Amount, Current Spousal Support Amount, Past Due Child Support Amount, and Past Due Spousal Support Amount. These fields will need to be filled in manually according to the court order. The entire amount is currently stored in the Current Child Support Amount. When an employee has multiple court ordered deductions for child and/or spousal support, Texas law requires that current orders be satisfied first. If there is disposable income remaining, past due amounts can be withheld.

Example: An employer receives the following child support order for an employee:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Order = \$100.00 per month for current child support and \$100.00 per month for past due child support
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Order = \$200.00 per month for current child support and \$25.00 per month for past due child support
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Order = \$50.00 per month for current child support and \$35.00 per month for past due child support

The employee's disposable income is \$900.00. The maximum disposable income that can be withheld is 50%, giving \$450.00. The total amount of the court orders is \$510.00.

The full amount to be deducted for current support for all three orders totals \$350.00. This leaves \$100.00 to be applied to the past due amounts in each order. Dividing \$100.00 by the three orders give \$33.33. The amount of the smallest past due amount is \$25.00, so \$25.00 is deducted from each of the three past due amounts. The second order has now been satisfied in full. This leaves an additional \$25.00 to be equally divided between the first (\$75.00 balance) and third (\$10.00 balance) orders. Since the total amount due in the third order can be satisfied with an equal portion (\$12.50) of the remaining balance, \$10.00 is deducted for each order. The remaining \$5.00 is deducted from the first order since it is the only order with an outstanding balance. The maximum disposable income, \$450.00, has now been withheld. The remaining \$60.00 due in the first order is the employee's responsibility.

When an employee has multiple court orders with current and past due child support, as well as current and past due spousal support, the deductions are withheld in the following order: current child support amount, current spousal support amount, past due child support amount, past due spousal support amount.

When medical amounts are listed separately on the court order, they should be combined with the current or past due child support amount, respectively, on Screen 113.

The Child Support Handbook for Employers can be found at [http://www.state.tx.us/AG\\_Publications/txts/employerhb/](http://www.state.tx.us/AG_Publications/txts/employerhb/).

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