Disbursement by Electronic Funds Transfer/Electronic Data Interchange

(1) In addition to the definitions found in OAR 137-055-5110 and OAR 137-055-6010, the following terms have the meanings given below:

(a) “Individual” includes but is not limited to: a judgment creditor, obligee, caretaker, child attending school, or adult child.

(b) “Other entities” includes but is not limited to other state IV-D agencies.

(2) For the Department of Justice, the primary method of payment to any individual entitled to receive support payments is electronic funds transfer (EFT), which may be by:

(a) Direct deposit to a checking or savings account that is located in a financial institution in the United States; or

(b) Stored value card (including but not limited to ReliaCard).

(3) Notwithstanding section (2), the Department will disburse support payments to individuals by check when specific exceptions apply:

(a) The individual does not have a social security number; or

(b) The individual’s special circumstances, which the administrator will review on a case by case basis, based on the criteria of whether the issuance of a paper check would be in the best interests of the child(ren).

(4) A request for exception must be made in writing.

(5) The administrator will review the request for exception, determine whether to allow or deny the exception, and notify the requesting party of its decision within 30 days of receipt of the request.

(6) The administrator’s decision is final with regard to the request for exception, but the decision may be appealed as an other than contested case pursuant to ORS 183.484.

(7) The Department may disburse payments to other entities by EFT, electronic data interchange, or by paper check.

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