

	GEORGIA DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES MEDICAID POLICY MANUAL			
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	Policy Title:	Child Support Referrals		
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REQUIREMENTS

When a child enters care, the SSCM has the responsibility to inform parents of their continuing obligation to support their child in care. The parent(s) of a foster child are referred to the Division of Child Support Services, with some exceptions.

BASIC CONSIDERATIONS

The parent(s) may be financially responsible for expenses incurred by the State in serving his/her child in care and for providing health care coverage if available and reasonable in cost. Parental information is documented in SHINES by the SSCM at the initial foster care entry. The SSCM is responsible for SHINES documentation for any additional information that becomes available or as changes occur. The parent(s) is referred to DCSS by the Revenue Maximization Specialist (RMS) through a SHINES interface with DCSS' STARS system unless one of the following criteria is met:

- The child is in the permanent custody of DHS.
- The child receives Adoption Assistance from Georgia.
- The child has returned home at the time the eligibility determination is completed.
- The parent is unknown.
- In a relative placement
- No per diem entered in SHINES
- Federal regulations do not require DCSS to provide services when a child is in prison/detention.

BASIC CONSIDERATIONS (cont.)

- Good Cause not to refer exists and is supported by a written statement signed by the County Director or the Social Services County Program Director.

NOTE: The SSCM is responsible for obtaining and providing the Rev Max Specialist with written approval of Good Cause from the County Director/County Program Director. Retain the documentation in the eligibility record and upload the documentation to SHINES External Documents.

RMS makes a child support referral to DCSS through the SHINES Eligibility Summary page.

PROCEDURES**Revenue Maximization DJJ MES**

Child support will not accept referrals from the Department of Juvenile Justice as a youth in a DJJ commitment remains in parental custody.