

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR  
INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, OKEECHOBEE  
AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES.

RE: Administrative Order to appoint the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services as a recipient of child support payments paid to the Sheriff or Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for each county of this circuit for so long as the child receives Aid to Families with Dependent Children or is otherwise eligible for the services of the Child Support Enforcement Unit of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 81-1

THIS CAUSE, having come before the Court ex parte upon the motion of the DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, STATE OF FLORIDA, (hereinafter referred to as the DEPARTMENT), and it being shown that it is necessary and proper that an expeditious means of redirecting child support payments to the DEPARTMENT in cases where the person having custody of a child or children is receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (hereinafter referred to as AFDC) payments for said child or children, should be established; and pursuant to Chapters 61, 409 and 742, Florida Statutes (1979) and Rule 1.611(b), Fla.R.Civ.P., it is thereupon

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. Whenever an order is made by any Court within this circuit for the support of a child or children for whom payments are being made pursuant to law as AFDC or for whom the services of the Child Support Enforcement Unit of the DEPARTMENT have been retained, the Clerk of the respective Court in which the child support order was entered, upon receipt of an affidavit from an agent of the DEPARTMENT in each individual case stating that the child or children for whom the support payments are ordered is, or are, the recipients of public assistance under the AFDC program, shall file the affidavits along with a copy of this order, in the case so affected, and shall thereafter forward to the Department at 1317 Winewood Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32304, any support payments received by that Clerk pursuant to the child support order.

2. In the event the child or children no longer receive AFDC but the party paying child support has not fully reimbursed the DEPARTMENT for all money received by or on behalf of said child as AFDC, then this Court shall, following a hearing, reasonably divide

the amount of child support payments being paid so that a portion of such payment is directed to the DEPARTMENT for reimbursement of the balance owed at the time the child or children cease receipt of said AFDC payments. At the time said child or children cease to receive AFDC payments, the DEPARTMENT shall file an affidavit showing, inter alia, the amount owed as reimbursement for AFDC payments and the amount of arrearage on child support payments, if any.

3. The DEPARTMENT has the right to serve as complainant in any enforcement proceedings so long as the DEPARTMENT is the obligee of such support and until it is fully reimbursed for all AFDC payments made to or on behalf of said child or children.

DONE AND ORDERED at Stuart, Martin County, Florida, in quadruplicate, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1981.

*Isl C. Pfeiffer Trowbridge*

CHIEF CIRCUIT JUDGE

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All Circuit Judges  
All County Judges  
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