


Handout 7: Lottery and Jackpot Intercept Programs

Lottery Intercept Program

Each month, NJKiDS prepares and sends an electronic file with the names of non-custodial parents (NCPs) on open cases with arrears to the New Jersey Office of Information Technology (OIT). This process is handled by Administrative Enforcement Unit (AEU) staff.

The Division of Lottery sends an electronic file on a weekly basis to the OIT, listing all lottery winners with winnings in excess of \$600 (excluding Top Tier winners of \$1 million or more). The OIT compares the two files and matches the lottery winners by Social Security Number (SSN) and name to the list of eligible NCPs.

AEU supervisors are notified of Top Tier winners by the Division of Lottery, by email. Upon the AEU's verification of an eligible NCP's arrears balance, arrears information is sent to the Division of Lottery by fax.

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| <p>NJKiDS</p>  | <p>Pages associated with Lottery Intercept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage Tasks page• Enforcement Processes page• View / Update Notes page• Financial Events on a Case page• Obligations pages |
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Case Criteria

- **Arrears:** NJKiDS currently determines eligibility for Lottery Intercept based on an arrearage of \$600 or more; this is incorrect. The criterion is one month past-due

support or an arrears-only case balance of at least \$25.00. The law states the **lottery prize** must be at least \$600.00.

- NCP wins \$600 or more in the lottery
- Open IV-D case

When the AEU receives of a list of lottery winners who meet the eligibility criteria from the Division of Lottery, the AEU staff initiates the **Lottery** activity chain. The AEU also initiates the Notice of Lottery Intercept (CS636) to inform the NCP of the intent to intercept the winnings for past-due support.

Contest

The NCP has the right to contest the use of the Lottery Intercept remedy.

- A contest based on mistake of fact must be mailed to the Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) within 15 days. If the NCP contests the use of this remedy, he or she must send the completed form with approved documentation to the OCSS. The OCSS reviews the NCP's contest and makes a final determination.
- If no contest is filed, the amount owed will be applied to the child support debt.
- Any amount in excess of the child support debt is sent to the NCP by the Division of Lottery.
- If the NCP disagrees with the results of the AEU's administrative review, he or she is instructed to file an appeal with the Appellate Court.

NOTE



PCSE staff must create an **Action Note to File** for AEU staff members detailing information and events related to the Lottery Intercept remedy.

Jackpot Intercept Program

The Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) and Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) have partnered to develop the Jackpot Intercept Program. The purpose is to withhold overdue child support from non-custodial parents with slot machine jackpot winnings equal to \$50,000 or more. According to federal and state law, a child support lien is enforceable against the proceeds of a jackpot payment. The casino is responsible for withholding and transmitting the appropriate amount of support arrears from the pending jackpot payment.

A child support web portal for all licensed casinos (including online gaming sites) is available. The child support web portal enables authorized casino users to conduct real-time child support searches on patrons in the casino. The availability of the web portal allows the casinos to instantly identify eligible slot jackpots and withhold up to the amount of arrears owed from those jackpots. Casinos will then remit funds to the SDU.

Non-custodial parents whose slot winnings are withheld may request a contest with OCSS's Administrative Enforcement Unit (AEU) within fifteen (15) business days. Intercepted jackpot payments will be coded using the 'LO' (Lottery) Receipt Source in NJKiDS and placed on a Manual Financial Review (MNFN) distribution hold by the AEU pending the contest period. The hold will be released when the contest period has ended or the contest is resolved.

Please note that staff should not disclose the name of the casino that has remitted payment to the custodial parent. OCSS views this collaboration with DGE and the casino industry as a means of increasing collections and disbursing more monies to families.