

Personal Injury and Workers' Compensation Liens



CALIFORNIA'S CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM: A Resource for Parents ...



If you owe back child support and collect income from a workers' compensation award or a personal injury settlement, we may place a lien on your settlement. A lien is a legal claim placed on your property to pay off a debt.

■ Why does my insurance settlement have a lien against it?

If you are entitled to insurance payments for a workers' compensation or a personal injury settlement and owe back child support, the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) can intercept your payments and place a lien against any final settlement you receive. All funds received will be applied to your back child support.

■ How do I know if my insurance payment has a lien against it?

When a lien is placed against your insurance settlement, the Child Support Lien Network (CSLN) will generate an "Earnings Withholding Order" that will be sent to your insurance company. Your insurance company will contact you and provide you with a copy of the letter.

■ What do I do now that a lien is in place?

If a lien is placed against your insurance settlement, it is important that you contact your local child support agency (LCSA) as soon as possible. A representative from the LCSA will discuss your options and work with you to determine the best resolution based on your individual case.

Contact your local child support office: 1-866-901-3212 or, TTY: 1-866-399-4096

*It is important to pay your court-ordered child support on time
to avoid enforcement activities.*

*DCSS is here to help you if you have problems making your payment.
Don't wait!*



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