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John Bel Edwards, Governor Marketa Garner Walters, Secretary

November 13, 2017

The Honorable Charles E. Kleckley Speaker of the House Louisiana House of Representatives P. O. Box 94062, Capitol Station Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Representative Kleckley:

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the Notice of Intent titled "Collection and Distribution of Support Payments" that was promulgated and published on page 1782 of the September 2017 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, September 8, 2017.

The proposed rule will allow DCFS to broaden the remedies available to distribute child support. The proposed rule provides for the disbursement of child support collections to satisfy another LASES (Louisiana Support Enforcement System) member's debt that the noncustodial parent owes. In addition, this proposed rule offers deserving children, including those children who reside outside of the state, the opportunity to receive support payments that they would not otherwise be entitled to receive without DCFS taking action to recover the payments.

DCFS held a public hearing on October 24, 2017 and no comments were received on the proposal. At this time the department intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of State Register for publication in the January 2018 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective February 1, 2018.

Please contact me at (225) 342-9538 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

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