



Financial Institution Data Match /FIDM

FIDM is an enforcement tool used in the collection of arrears. Financial accounts that belong to delinquent Obligor are identified by the CSEA. The CSEA may freeze and seize these accounts. The following criteria is considered when the FIDM process is initiated:

- **Financial institution name and account number are needed.**
- Support Order must be at least six (6) months old.
- There must be a minimum arrearage of over one month's obligation.
- The CSEA can still process FIDM even if the Obligor is currently paying to reduce the arrears balance.
- The Advance Notice of Default and Potential Action notice must have been sent to the Obligor. A new Notice does not go out when this process is initiated (See Default information sheet).
- The Obligor cannot be in bankruptcy, but the CSEA can proceed once bankruptcy action has been resolved (bankruptcy does not excuse the child support obligation, including arrears).

