

# Child Support \$35 Annual Fee

## **What is the \$35 annual fee?**

Federal law requires child support agencies to collect a \$35 annual fee. In Pennsylvania, custodial parents that receive \$2,000 or more in child support during the year pay the \$35 fee. You will not have to pay the annual fee if you have ever received cash assistance benefits.

## **Who pays the yearly fee?**

Custodial parents that receive \$2,000 or more in child support in a year pay the \$35 fee.

## **How do I pay the annual fee?**

The state child support agency deducts \$35 from your child support once you receive \$2,000 in a year.

## **How often must I pay the fee?**

The state child support agency must assess the fee once each federal fiscal year, which runs from October 1 to September 30. You will pay the fee once a year per case.

## **What if I have more than one child support case in Pennsylvania?**

You may have to pay the fee for each case. Pennsylvania charges the annual fee once a year for each eligible case.

## **What if I receive cash assistance benefits after the fee has been deducted?**

You will not have to pay the \$35 fee in the future, but you will not receive a refund on previously paid annual fees.

## **I opened my case in another state, but PA is helping with the case, do I have to pay the fee in both states?**

No. The state that opened your support case will assess the fee.

## **What if my support case does not include child support?**

The annual fee applies to child support cases. You do not pay the \$35 fee if your case does not include child support.

## **Who can I contact with questions about the fee in Pennsylvania?**

You may contact the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement's helpline at **1-800-932-0211**, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.