

39-7,151. Redirecting support payments; assignment; change of payee. (a) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the secretary from redirecting support payments by filing a notice of assignment pursuant to K.S.A. 39-754, and amendments thereto, or to require the secretary to issue an order to change payee in lieu of filing such a notice of assignment.

(b) If a support order has been entered in any IV-D case, the secretary may enter an order to change the payee. The order may be directed to the clerk of court or any other payer under the support order and shall require payments to be made and disbursed as provided in the order to change payee until further notice. The order to change payee shall be served on the clerk of the court or other payer by only personal service or registered mail, return receipt requested. The secretary shall serve a copy of the order to change payee on the responsible parent and the custodial parent and, if the previous payee is a real party in interest, upon the previous payee by only personal service or registered mail, return receipt requested. An order to change payee may be entered pursuant to this section only if the payer is subject, or may be made subject, to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state. The jurisdiction of the secretary over the payer for purposes of this section shall commence when the payer is served with the order to change payee and shall continue so long as the order to change payee is in effect and has not been superseded.

(c) If an order to change payee is directed to any payer other than the clerk of court, a copy shall also be filed with the tribunal that issued the support order.

(d) If the underlying support order was entered or has been registered in this state, no order to change payee issued by any IV-D agency shall be effective to require any payer, other than a clerk of court, to send payments to any location other than to the clerk of court where the support order was entered or registered, a location specified in the support order or a location specified by court rule. If the clerk of court receives an order to change payee from anyone other than the secretary and a notice of assignment pursuant to K.S.A. 39-754, and amendments thereto, or a conflicting order to change payee is still in effect, the clerk of court may at any time request an administrative hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3306, and amendments thereto, by complying with procedures established by the secretary.

(e) If the underlying support order was not entered and has not been registered in this state, any person whose interest may be prejudiced by the order to change payee may request: (1) An administrative hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3306, and amendments thereto, by complying with procedures established by the secretary within 10 days after entry of the order being contested; or (2) a de novo court review pursuant to K.S.A. 39-7,139, and amendments thereto. If the order is served on the person by mail, the person's time for requesting review shall be extended by three days.

(f) An order to change payee issued by a IV-D agency in another state shall have the same force and effect in this state, and be subject to the same limitations, as an order to change payee issued by the secretary under this section. Upon request of a IV-D agency in another state, the secretary may enforce such an order to change payee as though it had been issued by the secretary for children and families. By serving an order to change payee related to a support order entered in this state, such IV-D agency shall be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of this state to determine how payments will be directed to maintain accurate payment records and rapid disbursement of support collections.

(g) As used in this section, "clerk of court" includes any district court trustee generally designated to process support payments and includes any disbursement unit or entity that may be established by court rule to process support payments.

(h) In an administrative hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 75-3306, and amendments thereto, the effect of an order to change payee may be stayed only upon request and only if the new payee is a person or entity other than the clerk of the court.

(i) An order issued pursuant to this section whose effect has not been stayed may be enforced pursuant to the civil enforcement provisions of the Kansas judicial review act, K.S.A. 77-601 et seq., and amendments thereto, after the time for compliance with the order has expired.

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