

## **DCS Adopts Amended Distribution Rule Regarding Application of Tribal Payments – July 2018**

The DSHS Division of Child Support (DCS) has filed a [CR-103P](#), *Rulemaking Order*, amending [WAC 388-14A-5007](#), which asks and answers the question: “If the paying parent has more than one case, can DCS apply support money to only one specific case?” This amendment takes effect on **July 1, 2018**.

The amendment deals with distribution of support payments when a noncustodial parent (NCP) has more than one child support case, to allow the Division of Child Support (DCS) to apply a payment in the manner specified by an Indian Tribe, when the Tribe sends money to DCS representing a tribal benefit received by an NCP who is a member of that tribe. DCS is adopting the amendment at the request of several tribes who wish to have payments applied in a manner consistent with tribal law or custom, or an order from the tribal court.