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## Child Support Can Now Be Paid Through MoneyGram

(Woodland, CA) – Starting this month, parents will be able to pay their child support in cash at thousands of MoneyGram locations throughout California.

Previously, parents paying child support in cash could only do so by visiting a county or regional local child support agency that accepts in-office payments. In Yolo County, the Child Support Services office is located at 100 West Court Street in Woodland. Those who stand to benefit the most by paying through MoneyGram are the self-employed, those working seasonal jobs and those who don't engage in traditional banking.

"We are pleased that we have been able to make the process easier for parents to pay their child support," said Yolo County Department of Child Support Services Director Natalie Dillon. "This partnership with MoneyGram will benefit the parents who owe child support, and will translate into more payments for their children."

There are approximately 30 MoneyGram locations in Yolo County, over 6,200 throughout California and 39,000 nationwide that provide bill payment services. Payments can be made at 18 retail chains including CVS, Wal-Mart, Albertsons, Lucky, Raley's/Bel Air, Food Maxx, 7-Eleven and others.

To make a payment through MoneyGram, parents will need their personal Participant Identification Number (PAR ID) and the group "Receive Code 14630." MoneyGram charges child support customers a \$1.99 convenience fee. For many, that is less than the cost of the gas needed to drive to a child support office. Payments can take up to three days to post, so parents are advised to plan accordingly.

Child support payments may also be made online, by phone and by mail. In-person payments are still available at the local child support office in Woodland. Fees are not charged for using these payment options.

For information about payment options or to make a payment online, visit: www.childsup.ca.gov/PaymentOptions or call 866-901-3212.