

The Wisconsin Child Support Program

Per s.49.854 (5) 2 (b) Wis. Stat., your account(s) or a portion of your account(s) has been frozen because of a lien placed against an account holder. This specific lien was a result of the nonpayment of court-ordered support. This account(s) might be seized to satisfy the lien.

The county or tribal child support agency initiating this action has sent a notice (“Interested Party Notice of Administrative Levy”) to all account holders’ last known address on record at the child support agency or financial institution.

The notice includes

- Name of child support agency that is freezing the account
- Name of person who’s interest in account the administrative levy is against (support payer)
- Lien payment coupon

The notice also includes the account holder(s)’s rights

- The support payer has 20 business days after the date of the notice to request a hearing. The hearing may address the reasonableness of an alternative payment plan offered by the child support agency or for a mistake in fact. A mistake in fact is limited to a mistake in the amount of support owed or a mistake in the identity of the payer. The payer has 10 business days after the date of the notice to request an appointment to negotiate an alternative payment plan.
- Other account holder(s) may file for a court hearing within 20 business days after the date of the notice, to protect their portion of the jointly held account. Ownership of the account is assumed to be of equal shares (example, if two people are joint owners, each owner is assumed to own half of the account).

The seizure of the account may be prevented if the support payer

- Satisfies the lien (pays the full amount of the lien)
- Enters into and follows an alternative payment plan with the child support agency

Please note

- Requests for hearings must be in writing
- The financial institution is prohibited from releasing additional information

Child support agencies are listed in the phone book under “county government” or tribal name and on the Internet at www.dwd.state.wi.us/bcs/cslist.htm.

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