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Paying parent partners are only added to a case when the paying parent and their partner are in the same benefit award, but only the partner is the benefit recipient (i.e. not a joint claim). We need to record the partner's personal details as the on/off benefit interface transactions and deduction from benefit (DFB) will be in the partner's name. It is against data protection to hold the paying parent's partner's information on the 2012 system otherwise.

The process is completed during the maintenance stage of a case when you find out that a paying parent is in a benefit claim with a partner. To add a paying parent partner during paying parent applications, refer to Paying Parent Application - Add Paying Parent Partner.

This procedure shows you how to add a paying parent partner to a case, so that their benefit information is received via interface with the Customer Information System. This is necessary so that paying parents who are in a joint benefit claim receive an accurate child maintenance calculation.

For more information refer to the Policy, Law and Decision Making Guidance



🝘 When speaking to clients always use the new terminology. For more information refer to Terminology Changes.

This procedure uses the terms receiving parent and paying parent.

The receiving parent is the parent who receives or who is expected to receive child maintenance, known as the parent with care (PWC) or person with care (PeWC) on the system and in legislation. The paying parent is the parent who pays or who is expected to pay child maintenance, known as the non resident parent (NRP) on the system and in legislation.

Create SR

- 1. Following an inbound telephone call or letter go to the paying parent's **Contact** screen and create a new service request (SR). From the drop down lists select:
 - Process = Change Of Circumstances (CofC)
 - Area = Change Employment/Income
 - Sub Area = Change Benefit Details

Select the **Case** Multi Value Group (MVG) button.

- Subject = NRP
- Source = NRP
- 2. Go to the COC More Info applet, select Last Name and select the Pick button within that field. This pulls the Paying Parent details onto the screen. Select the Paying Parent and select OK. Select Go to Benefit Summary View within the COC applet to take you to NRP Benefit Details. Update the Status of the SR to In Progress and once the drop downs are selected as above the appropriate applet and activity plan are generated. The activity plan is a list of instructions for completing the work item.

Add Paying Parent Partner

- 3. Select New and then select Benefit Name, from the dropdown select the appropriate benefit.
- Go to the Benefit Partner NINO field and select the Pick button within the MVG. Search for the relevant partner by typing the correct name in the appropriate fields.
- 5. Where the partner details already exist, select the partner in the MVG and complete **step 11.** When they are not listed in the pop up complete **steps 6-10**.
- 6. Select the Add Contact tab within the SR screen, select New and input the details of the partner in the appropriate fields of Contact Details. Fill this in, gathering as much information as possible. Once you have filled in as much information as possible, select Save.
- 7. Select the **Benefits** tab and go to the **Benefit Partner NINO** field. Select the Pick button within this field and search for the NINO, select **Go** and the relevant query results show.
- 8. Select the 'Call Transition' button, this will check to see if the Paying Parent Partner exists in Legacy Schemes and will return data if applicable. This can be found in the More Info tab.

- 9. Go to **Contact** tab and Select the **Relationship** tab to view the **partner** details. Check the **Status** of the partner to see if it is **Verified**. If verified, go to **Step 12**.
- If not verified, check the paying parent's NINO is within the **Benefit Contact NINO** field within the **Go to Benefit Summary View**, select the **MVG** to review and ensure the correct paying parent's NINO is added before selecting **Verify Partner Details.** Select **CIS** to verify the NINO.

🝘 The Benefit Household flag should only be selected when the paying parent's partner is a paying parent in their own right.

- 11. Select Verify Partner Details from the NRP Benefit Details applet and then select CIS from the Spouse applet to verify the Partner NINO.
- 12. At this stage the data warehouse automated lookup will check the paying parent partner's details against 1993/2003 scheme cases to check for the 13 week rule. Ask the paying parent if they are aware if their partner has any other open or closed child maintenance cases and check the answer provided against the lookup response in the paying parent partners contact **More Info** tab taking the appropriate action:
 - If the NRP Case Group Look Up Outcome is Continue With Application and the NRP Case Group Look Up Reason is NRP Doesn't Have Legacy Case In Role Of NRP and this matches the answers provided by the paying parent, continue with the application
 - If the NRP Case Group Look Up Outcome is Continue With Application and the NRP Case Group Look Up Reason is NRP Is In Transition and this matches the answers provided by the paying parent, continue with the application
 - If the NRP Case Group Look Up Outcome is Reactive Transition With Pause and the NRP Case Group Look Up Reason is NRP's Partner Has Ongoing Liability and this matches the answers provided by the paying parent, continue with the application. You will also need to manually trigger the Legacy Transition Request (LTR), for more information refer to C3 Transition Contingency
 - If the NRP Case Group Look Up Outcome is Reactive Transition Without Pause and the NRP Case Group Look Up Reason is NRP's Partner Has Arrears Only Case Group and this matches the answers provided by the paying parent, raise the below SR. Update the SR notes advising the look up response is reactive transition without pause and applications need to carry out the data capture. Update the SR Status to Pending Assignment.

In any instances where the responses recorded by the look up do not match the answers provided by the paying parent, the Applications team will need to carry out a manual 1993/2003 scheme lookup. Raise the following SR:

- Process = Transition
- Area = Manual Handling
- Sub Area = NRP Partner Look Up

Update the SR notes to inform the Applications team the SR has been raised due to the answers provided not matching the response from the automated look up. Once updated set the **Status** to **Pending Assignment**. For more information about the 13 week rule refer to the Policy, Law and Decision Making Guidance

Where the paying parent's partner is a paying parent in their own right, select the **Benefit Household** flag.

Get Benefit Details

- 13. Select the backward arrow at the top of the browser window and you are taken back to the SR view. Go to the NRP Benefit Details applet and select the Get Benefit Details button, which pulls the benefit information from the Customer Information System (CIS) interface.
- 14. Update the Sub Status to Obtain TL Approval and complete the activity plan. Once the activity plan is completed, update the following:
 - Status = Pending Approval
 - Sub Status = Pending Approval TL

Save the SR, it becomes read only as it is assigned to your team leader (TL).

Team Leader

- 15. Go to My Approval Inbox applet, select the SR and you are taken to the Inbox view.
- 16. In the More Info applet, update the Action field to Approved or Rejected as appropriate and save the record. The SR automatically assigns to the caseworker who started this action.

Caseworker

- 17. Find the SR by going to My Service Requests applet and My Approval Inbox, within that.
- 18. Where your TL rejects the SR review the reason provided for the rejection and correct the information where necessary. Return to **step 6** and re-submit the SR for TL approval.
- 19. Update the Resolution Code to COC Accepted.
- 20. For Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based), Employment Support Allowance (Income Related), or Pension Credit the following actions happen automatically:

The benefit details are completed in the **NRP Benefit Details** applet, the **Status** updates to **Closed** and **Sub Status** to Complete. Deduction from benefit is set automatically as the method of payment from (MOPF). Refer to DFB - Set Up for more information.

For all other benefits, go to Child SRs, select New and update the following:

Process = Payments

- Area = Method of Payment From
- Sub Area = Benefit Agency
- 21. Select the SR number and follow the payments process in Change MOPF.
- 22. Select the SR hyperlink to return to the COC parent SR. Update the Resolution Code to COC Accepted. The Status and Sub Status automatically update to Closed and Complete.

When the paying parent partner already exists in another case on the 2012 system as a paying parent, it checks the benefit household flag in both the paying parent's case and the paying parent partner's case. This will trigger a recalculation for both liabilities, as we can not ask for more than the flat rate to be deducted from a benefit.

A paying parent partner details will be ended on the case when the benefit with the paying parent partner as the main benefit recipient is ended via Change Benefit Details SR to record an off benefit change.

Related Items

C3 Transition Overview Change - MOPF CIS - Get Benefit Award Information CIS - Verify NINO/CRN DFB - Set Up Paying Parent Application - Add Paying Parent Partner Manual Handling 1993/2003 scheme look up - Paying Parent Partner