

RELEASE 04-01 – MINOR: AUGUST 20, 2004 FPLS RELEASE SCHEDULE	
Dates	Activities
Friday, April 16, 2004	Post Manifest to OCSE Website
Tuesday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. (FCR, CSENet) Thursday, April 29, 2:00 p.m. (FCR, CSENet) The Federal Offset manifest will be discussed at the Federal Offset monthly meetings - Tuesday, April 20, 2:00 p.m. (Federal Offset) Wednesday, April 21, 10:00 a.m. (Federal Offset) Thursday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. (Federal Offset)	Multistate Conference Call with State Technical Support. Please plan to attend one of the sessions. The objective of the call is to provide the answers to the following questions: 1. What are your questions, comments and/or concerns? 2. Will you need to make changes to your system? 3. Do you have any issues concerning the Release Implementation Date? 4. Do you need Technical Support?
Friday, May 14, 2004	Post Specifications to OCSE Website
Tuesday, May 25, 10:00 a.m. (FCR, CSENet) Thursday, May 27, 2:00 p.m. (FCR, CSENet) The Federal Offset specifications will be discussed at the Federal Offset monthly meetings - Tuesday, May 25, 2:00 p.m. (Federal Offset) Wednesday, May 26, 10:00 a.m. (Federal Offset) Thursday, May 27, 10:00 a.m. (Federal Offset)	Multistate Conference Call with State Technical Support. Please plan to attend one of the sessions. The objective of the call is to walk through the specifications and Q&A.
TBD (to be established during conference calls)	Testing with states
Friday, August 20, 2004	OCSE Implementation of FPLS Release 04-01

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System	OCSE Ref #	Description	Proposed Changes	Business Requirements/Benefit	Reason
FCR	1871	<p>Create an edit on asterisk and backslash in the Case ID.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Ken Nesbit 703.345.8102 kenny.nesbit@ngc.com</p>	<p>The FCR is being modified to disallow the use of asterisks and backslashes in the FCR Case ID.</p> <p>Impact: Any add, change, or locate record containing an asterisk or backslash in any position in the Case ID field will be rejected.</p>	<p>This enhancement supports OAPO goals for providing more effective interstate communications, ICR, and ongoing Case ID synchronization.</p>	<p>Help standardize Case IDs between FPLS systems.</p>
FCR/FPLS	1875	<p>Return self-employment information on SSA Locates.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Ken Nesbit 703.345.8102 kenny.nesbit@ngc.com</p>	<p>The FCR and FPLS are being modified to return a Self-Employment Indicator in the response file.</p> <p>An annual wage amount field will also be added to the record. For this release the wage field will not contain data. The field will be used in a future release.</p> <p>Impact: State systems must be able to accept a new Self-Employment Indicator field.</p>	<p>States will have access to additional employment information.</p>	<p>Requested by the states during an FCR state conference call.</p>

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CSENet	201	<p>Create a new transaction to support Interstate Business communication.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Brenda Cunningham 703.367.4592 brenda.cunningham@lmco.com or CSENet.2000@lmco.com</p>	<p>Add a new transaction to CSENet 2000 to indicate that a Case ID match was not found based on the Case ID provided by the sending state in an LO1, MSC, ENF, EST, PAT, or COL transaction.</p> <p>The transaction, CSI P FUINF, already exists for CSI transactions.</p> <p>Impact: States may program the transaction. States should expect to receive the new transaction.</p>	<p>This enhancement will allow states to use CSENet 2000 to readily identify a Case ID that is not in sync with the other state and actions can be triggered to begin the reconciliation process.</p>	<p>CSENet does not have a transaction to notify a state sending a transaction that the Case ID is not recognized by the receiving state.</p>
CSENet	205	<p>Modify Case ID and Other-Case-ID validation criteria to match FCR Case ID validation criteria.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Brenda Cunningham 703.367.4592 brenda.cunningham@lmco.com or CSENet.2000@lmco.com</p>	<p>Ensure the edits for Case ID and Other-Case-ID are the same for CSENet and FCR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first position of the Case-ID field must not be a space. • The first position of the Other-Case-ID field must not be a space. • The Case-ID field must not contain all zeros. 	<p>This enhancement supports OAPO goals for providing more effective interstate communications, ICR, and ongoing Case ID synchronization.</p>	<p>Currently, the CSENet validation criteria for Case ID and Other-Case-ID do not match the FCR Case ID validation criteria.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Other-Case-ID field must not contain all zeros. • The Case-ID must not contain an asterisk (*) or backslash (\). (This will be a new FCR edit that will be part of the Release 04-01 Minor. See OCSE Ref # 1871.) • The Other-Case-ID must not contain an asterisk (*) or backslash (\). (This will be a new FCR edit that will be part of the Release 04-01 Minor. See OCSE Ref # 1871.) • The Case-ID field must not contain all spaces. • The Other-Case-ID field must not contain all spaces. <p>The CSENet application will enforce these new edits when the field is filled. (The edits will be enforced any time the field is non-blank.) For example, blanks will</p>		

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			<p>continue to be allowed for LO1 Responses and Acknowledgements because the field is not required.</p> <p>Impact: States may experience an increase in invalid CSENet transactions related to the Other-Case-ID field. States may need to make changes to their CSENet Application, but agree that these changes would be minor. In preparation for the National ICR, states are in the process of making changes to ensure that they are using the same Case ID, formatted in the same manner, for all external data exchanges.</p>		
Federal Offset	1723	<p>Provide states with a more efficient method of submitting case updates.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Scott Hale 202.401.5745</p>	<p>The weekly processing of the Case Submission and Update File will now allow any update transactions associated with a new case to be submitted in the same cycle as the 'A' (Add/</p>	<p>This enhancement will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the synchronization of data between state and Federal files by enabling the states to submit multiple updates in a single cycle on the same case(s). 	

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		shale@acf.hhs.gov Brian Peeler 202.690.5377 bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov	<p>Recertify) Transaction Type.</p> <p>States can submit a ‘D’ (Delete) Transaction Type in the same cycle as an ‘A’ (Add/Recertify) Transaction Type on an opposite case type to facilitate a Case Type change.</p> <p>‘M’ (Modify) Transaction Types will no longer be rejected with an Error Code ‘05’ when the submitted arrearage amount equals the arrearage amount in the Federal Offset Case Master File.</p> <p>Deleted cases will be retained for query purposes.</p> <p>Impact: No State Impact.</p> <p>States can continue to submit transactions as they currently do.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance states’ ability to track past enforcement actions for a case. • Reduce the volume of records returned in the reject/warning file. • Reduce the number of error codes received by states. 	

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Federal Offset	1724	<p>Provide additional date fields on the DoS Certification or Withdrawal Screen.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Scott Hale 202.401.5745 shale@acf.hhs.gov Brian Peeler 202.690.5377 bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov</p>	<p>The date(s) an obligor was certified and/or withdrawn to/from the Passport Denial Program will be displayed with the other pertinent passport information.</p> <p>Impact: No State Impact.</p>	<p>This modification will enhance the states' ability to take action on a case by providing accurate information regarding the obligor's status in the Passport Denial Program.</p>	
Federal Offset	1725	<p>Provide states with an enhanced Current Year Query Screen for case information.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Scott Hale 202.401.5745 shale@acf.hhs.gov Brian Peeler 202.690.5377 bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov</p>	<p>The Current Year Query Screen, Option 4 on the Federal Offset Processing Menu, will be reconfigured to display current and additional information in a new user-friendly layout. The new information displayed will include the dates a case was opened and/or closed at FMS, date of recertification, date the debt/case was closed, dates for passport denial certification and withdrawal, the arrearage amount at the time of</p>	<p>This enhancement will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to case information held at the Federal level. • Expand detail history for better case management and tracking of state data maintained at the Federal level. 	

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			<p>passport denial certification, and date and place of birth.</p> <p>The detail history portion of the query screen will display more lines of information at a single glance and additional types of detail records. Name Changes, Case ID Changes, DoS Adds and Deletes, and Pre-Offset Notice Requests are new detail records that will display in this portion of the query screen.</p> <p>Impact: No State Impact.</p>		
Federal Offset	1822	<p>Provide states whose notices are generated by OCSE with an option to request that a Pre-Offset Notice be generated at any time on an existing case.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Scott Hale 202.401.5745 shale@acf.hhs.gov</p>	<p>The Transaction Type of 'M' will be modified to add a 'P' indicator at the end of the record. States will use the new 'P' indicator to request that OCSE print a Pre-Offset Notice (PON). New warning codes will be sent via the Rejected Case Submission and Update File when the request cannot be</p>	<p>This modification will enable states to easily request the issuance of a Pre-Offset Notice at any time on an existing case.</p>	

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		<p>Brian Peeler 202.690.5377 bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov</p>	<p>accommodated.</p> <p>The PON request feature will also be added to the on-line data entry screen, Option 1 on the Federal Offset Processing Menu.</p> <p>Impact: The use of the Pre-Offset Print Indicator field is optional. States may choose to make program changes to take advantage of this new capability on the Case Submission and Update File where OCSE generates notices. Use of the on-line data entry screen for PON print requests would minimize impact.</p>		
Federal Offset	1823	<p>Provide additional warning code counts in the Reject Control Record and on the Weekly Update Report.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Scott Hale 202.401.5745 shale@acf.hhs.gov</p>	<p>The Rejected Case Submission and Update Control Record Layout will contain new TANF and non-TANF counts for warning codes that are sent back to the state. The Weekly Update Report will display a Total</p>	<p>This enhancement will improve reconciliation between the actual number of records in the Rejected Case Submission and Update file and the counts reported in the control record of the Rejected Case Submission and Update File.</p>	

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		<p>Brian Peeler 202.690.5377 bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov</p>	<p>Count for all warning codes listed on the report, in addition to the individual counts for each type of warning. The use of TANF and non-TANF Warning Counts are being added to unused space in the record layout.</p> <p>Impact: No State Impact.</p>		
Federal Offset	1829	<p>Provide states with a filing status indicator (single or joint) in the offset detail record on the online query screen.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Scott Hale 202.401.5745 shale@acf.hhs.gov Brian Peeler 202.690.5377 bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov</p>	<p>The online offset detail record will now contain the filing status associated with the offset. The new filing status indicator will also be displayed on the Current Year Query Screen.</p> <p>Impact: No State Impact.</p>	<p>This enhancement will improve the accuracy of collection information provided to states when querying case collection information.</p>	