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Subject: Effect of Noncompliance for Fines and Costs on a Currently Sanctioned Client

When a sanction for noncompliance with RESET requirements is imposed and the individual then becomes noncompliant with their fines and costs, do we remove the sanction and make them an ineligible member?

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No. The sanction should remain in effect. Because the duration of RESET sanctions are regulated, the individual must remain sanctioned for at least the minimum number of days depending on the level of sanction (first or second). For further guidance on the minimum sanction periods and the time frame for the sanction to flip to a full family sanction, see OPS 120704 and the Sanction Desk Guide.

The sanction continues until the individual has demonstrated and maintained compliance for a least one week and thereafter. If and when the client demonstrates and maintains compliance with the RESET requirements, the issue of their noncompliance due to costs and fines must be addressed. If, at that time, the client is not compliant due to fines and costs, then they must pay off their fines/costs or arrange a payment plan with the clerk of courts. If they fail to do so, they should be made an ineligible member.

NOTE: When the CAO becomes aware of the outstanding fines and costs, the caseworker should narrate that the fines and costs issue is to be discussed after the sanction is addressed.