

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUDICIAL BRANCH**
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Court Name: _____
Case Name: _____
Case Number: _____

UNIFORM SUPPORT ORDER

Name, Residence and Mailing Address of Person
Ordered to Pay Support (Obligor)

Name, Residence and Mailing Address of
Person Receiving Support (Obligee)

D.O.B. _____ Telephone _____

D.O.B. _____ Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Name of Employer: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Address of Employer:

Address of Employer:

Child(ren) to whom this order applies:

Full Name **Date of Birth**

Full Name **Date of Birth**

The following parties appeared: Obligor Obligee Division of Child Support Services
 Other _____

NOTE: SECTIONS PRECEDED BY ARE ONLY PART OF THIS ORDER IF MARKED.

1. This order is entered:

2. This order is a:

- after hearing
- upon approval of agreement
- upon default

- temporary order
- final order

3. This order modifies a final support obligation in accordance with:

- a three-year review (RSA 458-C:7) OR substantial change in circumstances, as follows:

4. Obligor is ORDERED to PAY THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS (See Standing Orders 4A-4G):

4.1 CHILD SUPPORT: \$ _____ per _____ (week, month, etc.)

4.2 Arrearage of \$ _____ as of _____,
payable \$ _____ per _____ (week, month, etc.)

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4.3 Medical arrearage of \$ _____ as of _____,
payable \$ _____ per _____ (week, month, etc.)

4.4 SPOUSAL SUPPORT (ALIMONY): \$ _____ per _____ (week, month, etc.)

4.5 Arrearage of \$ _____ as of _____,
payable \$ _____ per _____ (week, month, etc.)

4.6 Alimony shall terminate _____

5. Payments on all ordered amounts shall begin on _____. All ordered amounts shall be payable to Obligee Division of Child Support Services Other _____

6. This order complies with the child support guidelines. RSA 458-C.

This order, entered upon obligor's default, is based on a reasonable estimate of obligor's income. Compliance with the guidelines cannot be determined.

The following special circumstances warrant an adjustment from the guidelines (Enter applicable circumstances below. See Standing Order 6):

7. Support ordered is payable by immediate income assignment.

8. The Court finds that there is good cause to suspend the immediate income assignment because:

Obligor and obligee have agreed in writing.

Payments have been timely and it would be in the best interest of the minor child(ren) because:

9A. Obligor is unemployed and **MUST REPORT EFFORTS TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT.**
(See Standing Order 9A).

9B. Upon employment the Obligor shall bring the matter forward for recalculation of support. Failure to do so may result in a recalculated support order effective the date of employment.

MEDICAL SUPPORT FINDINGS (Paragraphs 10 through 15)

10. **OBLIGOR'S** medical support reasonable cost obligation: \$ _____ per _____ (week, month, etc.)

10A. The medical support reasonable cost obligation is adjusted from the presumptive amount because of the following special circumstances (Enter applicable circumstances below. See Standing Order 6):

11. Private health insurance coverage is not available is available to the **OBLIGOR in an amount equal to or less than the amount of the medical support reasonable cost obligation ordered in paragraph 10.**

12. Private health insurance coverage available to the **OBLIGOR** is not accessible to the child(ren).

13. **OBLIGEE'S** medical support reasonable cost obligation: \$ _____ per _____ (week, month, etc.)

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13A. The medical support reasonable cost obligation is adjusted from the presumptive amount because of the following special circumstances (Enter applicable circumstances below. See Standing Order 6):

14. Private health insurance coverage is not available is available to the **OBLIGEE in an amount equal to or less than the amount of the medical support reasonable cost obligation ordered in paragraph 13.**

15. Private health insurance coverage available to the **OBLIGEE** is not accessible to the child(ren).

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE(Paragraph 16A and/or 16B must be completed):

16A. Obligor Obligee is ordered to provide private health insurance coverage for the child(ren) effective _____

16B. Obligor Obligee is/are not ordered to provide private health insurance coverage at this time but is/are ordered to immediately obtain private health insurance coverage when it becomes accessible and available at an amount equal to or less than the ordered medical support reasonable cost obligation.

UNINSURED MEDICAL EXPENSES

17. Uninsured medical expenses shall be paid in the following percentage amounts:

Obligor _____ % Obligee _____ % Other: _____

18. Public assistance (TANF) or medical assistance (Medicaid) is or was provided for the children. Copies of pleadings related to medical coverage and child support were mailed to the Division of Child Support Services, Child Support Legal, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301.

19. Obligor Obligee is adjudicated the father of the minor child(ren) named above. The clerk of the city(ies) of _____ shall enter the name of the father on the birth certificate(s) of the child(ren). The father's date of birth is _____ and his state of birth is _____.

20. The State of _____ has provided public assistance for the benefit of the minor child(ren) between _____ and _____ for _____ weeks. Obligor is indebted for the assistance in the total amount of \$ _____

21. Variation to standing order (specify paragraph #), additional agreement or order of the Court:

Obligor

Obligee

Staff Attorney
Division of Child Support Services

Obligor's Attorney/Witness

Obligee's Attorney/Witness

Date

Date

Date

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All paragraphs of this order (except those that have a check box and have not been selected) and all paragraphs of the Standing Order, (except variations in paragraph 21) are part of this order and apply to all parties.

Recommended:

Date

Signature of Marital Master/Hearing Officer

Printed Name of Marital Master/Hearing Officer

So Ordered:

I hereby certify that I have read the recommendation(s) and agree that, to the extent the marital master/judicial referee/hearing officer has made factual findings, she/he has applied the correct legal standard to the facts determined by the marital master/judicial referee/hearing officer.

Date

Signature of Judge

Printed Name of Judge

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NOTICE: This Standing Order (SO) is a part of all Uniform Support Orders (USO) and shall be given full effect as an order of the Court. Variations to paragraphs of the SO in a specific case must be entered in paragraph 21 of the USO and approved by the Court.

(Paragraph numbers in the SO correspond to related paragraph numbers in the USO. Variations entered in paragraph 21 should reference the related paragraph number.)

SUPPORT PAYMENT TERMS

SO-3A. All prior orders not inconsistent with this order remain in full force and effect.

SO-3B. In cases where the order of another jurisdiction is registered for modification, a tribunal of this state may not modify any aspect of a child support order that may not be modified under the law of the issuing jurisdiction. (See RSA 546-B:49,III.)

SO-3C. This order shall be subject to review and Court modification three years from its effective date upon the request of a party. Any party may petition the Court at any time for a modification of this support order if there is a substantial change in circumstances. The effective date of any modification shall be no earlier than the date of notice to the other party. "Notice" means either of the following: 1) service as specified in civil actions or 2) the respondent's acceptance of a copy of the petition, as long as the petition is filed no later than 30 days following the respondent's acceptance. See RSA 458-C:7.

NOTE: The July 1, 2013 change to the child support guidelines does not constitute a substantial change in circumstances. 2012, Chapter 248:5, "Applicability" states as follows (emphasis added):

"RSA 458-C:3, I as amended by this act shall apply to any child support order issued on or after July 1, 2013.

RSA 458-C:3, I as amended by this act shall not apply to a valid child support order in effect on the effective date of this act until the next scheduled review hearing under RSA 458-C:7 or as otherwise agreed by the parties.

This act shall not constitute a substantial change in circumstances for purposes of RSA 458-C:7."

SO-3D. No modification of a support order shall alter any arrearages due prior to the date of filing the pleading for modification. RSA 461-A:14, VIII.

SO-4A. The amount of a child support obligation shall remain as stated in the order until the dependent child for whom support is ordered completes his or her high school education or reaches the age of 18 years, whichever is later, or marries, or becomes a member of the armed services, at which time the child support obligation, including all educational support obligations, terminates without further legal action, except where duration of the support obligation has been previously determined by another jurisdiction, or is governed by the law of another jurisdiction, and may not be modified in accordance with statutory language referenced in SO-3B.

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- SO-4B. In multiple child orders, the amount of child support may be recalculated according to the guidelines whenever there is a change in the number of children for whom support is ordered, upon petition of any party. In single child orders, the support obligation terminates automatically, without the need for further court action, upon the emancipation of the child. The obligor remains obligated for any and all arrearages of the support obligation that may exist at the time of emancipation.
- SO-4C. If the order establishes a support obligation for more than one child, and if the court can determine that within the next 3 years support will terminate for one of the children, the amount of the new child support obligation for the remaining children may be stated in the order and shall take effect on the date or event specified without further legal action.
- SO-4D. In cases payable through the New Hampshire Division of Child Support Services (DCSS), if there are arrearages when support for a child is terminated, payments on the arrearages shall increase by the amount of any reduction of child support until the arrearages are paid in full.
- SO-4E. Pursuant to RSA 161-C:22, III when an assignment of support rights has terminated and obligor and the recipient of public assistance reunite, obligor may request a suspension of the collection of support arrearage owed to the state under RSA 161-C:4. So long as the family remains reunited and provided that the adjusted gross income of the family as defined by RSA 458-C is equal to or less than 185% of the Federal poverty guidelines as set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, DCSS shall not take any action to collect the support arrearage owed to the State.
- SO-4F. If the collection of a support arrearage pursuant to RSA 161-C:4 is suspended, the obligor shall provide DCSS with a financial affidavit every six months evidencing the income of the reunited family and shall notify his or her child support worker in writing within ten days of any change in income or if the family is no longer reunited. Failure to report changes in income or in the status of the family as reunited or to provide a financial affidavit shall cause the suspension of collection to terminate.
- SO-4G. Each party shall inform the Court in writing of any change in address, within 15 days of the change, so long as this order is in effect. Service of notice of any proceeding related to this order shall be sufficient if made on a party at the last address on file with the Court. A party who fails to keep the Court informed of such a change in address, and who then fails to attend a hearing because of the lack of notice, may be subject to arrest.
- SO-5A. If no date appears in paragraph 5 of the USO, the first support payment shall be due on the date this order is signed by the Judge.
- SO-5B. If support is payable through DCSS, a DCSS application for child support services must be submitted before DCSS can provide services in accordance with the order.
- SO-5C. If support is payable through DCSS, DCSS is authorized and directed to collect all sums, including any arrearages, from the obligor and forward the sums collected to the obligee or person, department, or agency providing support to the children named in the USO. Any payment shall be applied first as payment towards the current child and medical support obligation due that month and second towards any arrearages.
- SO-5D. If support is ordered payable directly to the obligee, it can only be made payable through DCSS at a later time if (1) the children named in the USO receive assistance pursuant to RSA 161 or RSA 167; (2) a party applies for support enforcement services and certifies to DCSS that (a) an arrearage has accumulated to an amount equal to the support obligation for one month, or (b) a court has issued a protective order pursuant to RSA 173-B or RSA 461-A:10 which remains in full force and effect at the time of application; or (3) a court orders payment through DCSS upon motion of any party that it is in the best interest of the child, obligee, or obligor to do so. RSA 161-B:4.
- SO-5E. Collection by DCSS on any arrearage may include intercepting the obligor's federal tax refund, placing liens on the obligor's personal and real property including qualifying financial accounts. Federal tax refund intercept and lien remedies shall be used to collect arrearages even if an obligor is complying with the child support orders. Pursuant to 45 CFR 303.72 (h) any federal tax refund intercept shall be applied first as payment towards the past due support assigned to the State.
- SO-5F. In all cases where child support is payable through DCSS, obligor and obligee shall inform DCSS in writing of any change of address or change of name and address of employer, within 15 days of the change.
- SO-5G. In all cases where child support is payable through DCSS, obligor and obligee shall furnish their social security numbers to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (Department).
- SO-6. Where the court determines that, in light of the best interests of the child, special circumstances exist that result in adjustments in the application of the guidelines for the child support obligation or the reasonable medical support obligation, the court shall make written findings relative to the applicability of one or more of the special circumstances described in RSA 458-C:5, I.

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INCOME ASSIGNMENT

- SO-7A. Until such time as an income assignment goes into effect, payments shall be made as follows: (1) if the case is not payable through DCSS, directly to obligee, or (2) if support is payable through the DCSS by use of payment coupons available at the local DCSS office. An income assignment will not go into effect for self-employed obligors as long as they do not receive income as defined in RSA 458-B:1, paragraph IX. Future income will be subject to assignment if the case is payable through DCSS.
- SO-7B. If a parent is ordered to provide health coverage for Medicaid-eligible child(ren), he or she must use payments received for health care services to reimburse the appropriate party, otherwise his or her income may be subject to income assignment by DCSS. RSA 161-H:2(V).
- SO-7C. Increased income assignment for the purposes of payment on arrearages shall continue until such time as the arrearages are paid in full.
- SO-8. Whenever an income assignment is suspended, it may be instituted if a Court finds obligor in violation or contempt of this order OR after notice and the opportunity to be heard (RSA 458:B-5 & 7), when the Department begins paying public assistance for the benefit of a child OR when an arrearage amounting to the support due for a one-month period has accrued.

REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT

- SO-9A. If support is payable through DCSS, obligor shall report in writing weekly, or as otherwise ordered by Court, to DCSS, and shall provide details of efforts made to find a job. Efforts to obtain employment shall include registering with New Hampshire Employment Security within two weeks of the date of this order. The obligor shall immediately report employment to DCSS in writing.
- SO-9B. Immediately upon employment the obligor shall report to the obligee, **in writing**, details of employment, including name and address of employer, the starting date, number of weekly hours and the rate of pay.

MEDICAL SUPPORT PROVISIONS

- SO-10-16B (1). In all cases where support is payable through DCSS, or where the Department is providing medical assistance for the child(ren) under RSA 167, the court shall include the medical support obligation in any child support order issued. RSA 461-A:14, IX(d).
- SO-10-16B (2). The court shall establish and order a reasonable medical support obligation for each parent. The presumptive amount of a reasonable medical support obligation shall be 4 percent of the individual parent's gross income, unless the court establishes and orders a different amount based on a written finding or a specific finding, made by the presiding officer on the record, that the presumptive amount would be unjust or inappropriate, using the criteria set forth in RSA 458-C:5.
- SO-10-16B (3). The court shall determine whether private health insurance is available to either parent at a cost that is at or below the reasonable medical support obligation amount, as established and ordered pursuant to RSA 458-C:3, V, or is available by combining the reasonable medical support obligations of both parents, and, if so available, the court shall order the parent, or parents, to provide such insurance for the child.
- SO-10-16B (4). The cost of providing private health insurance is the cost of adding the child to existing coverage, or the difference between individual and family coverage.
- SO-12, 15. Accessible health insurance means the primary care services are located within 50 miles or one hour from the child(ren)'s primary residence. RSA 461-A:14, IX(b).
- SO-16A-16BA party providing or ordered to provide health insurance for the child(ren) shall give the other party sufficient information and documentation to make sure insurance coverage is effective. If support is payable through DCSS, or if there has been an assignment of medical support rights to DCSS, the information and documentation shall be provided to DCSS. In addition, obligor shall inform DCSS in writing when health insurance is available, obtained or discontinued.