

137-055-3420

Periodic Review and Modification of Child Support Order Amounts

(1) In addition to the definitions found in ORS 25.321, OAR 137-050-0320, OAR 137-050-0410 and OAR 137-050-0430, for the purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

(a) “Determination” means an order resulting from a periodic review, which finds that the current order of support is in “substantial compliance” with the Oregon guidelines and appropriate health care coverage or cash medical support is ordered against one or both parties.

(b) “Guidelines” means the formula, the scale, and related provisions in OARs 137-050-0320 through 137-050-0490.

(c) “Periodic Review” means proceedings initiated under ORS 25.287.

(d) “Review” means an objective evaluation by the administrator of the information necessary for application of the guidelines to determine:

(A) The presumptively correct child support amount; and

(B) The need to provide in the order for the child’s health care needs through appropriate health care coverage or cash medical support regardless of whether an adjustment in the amount of child support is necessary.

(e) “Substantial compliance” means that the current support order is within at least 15 percent or \$50, whichever is less, of the presumptively correct child support amount as calculated using the guidelines. When making this determination, the 15 percent or \$50 formula will be applied to the currently ordered support amount.

(2) For all child support cases receiving support enforcement services under ORS 25.080, the Child Support Program (CSP) will annually notify the parties:

(a) Of their right to request a periodic review of the amount of support ordered; and

(b) That the CSP will perform a mandatory periodic review and adjustment if the family is currently receiving TANF.

(3) The purpose of a periodic review is to determine, based on information from the parties and other sources as appropriate, whether the current child support order should be modified to ensure substantial compliance with Oregon’s child support guidelines, or to order appropriate health care coverage or cash medical support for the child(ren).

(4) The administrator will initiate a periodic review if a written request is received from any party and 35 months have passed since the date the most recent support order

took effect, or the date of a determination that the most recent support order should not be adjusted. For purposes of calculating the 35-month time period, a suspension and temporary modification order entered pursuant to ORS 416.425(13)(2009 HB 2275) will not be considered.

(5) The administrator will initiate a periodic review when 35 months have passed since the date the most recent support order took effect, or the date of a determination that the most recent support order should not be adjusted, and the family is currently receiving TANF. For purposes of calculating the 35-month time period, any suspension and temporary modification order entered pursuant to ORS 416.425(13)(2009 HB 2275) will not be considered.

(6) The administrator must complete the determination that the order is in substantial compliance with the guidelines and appropriate health care coverage or cash medical support is ordered, or complete the modification of the existing order within 180 days of receiving a written request for a periodic review, initiating the mandatory review, or locating the non-requesting party(ies), if necessary, whichever occurs later.

(7) The administrator is responsible for conducting a periodic review in this state or for requesting that another state conduct a review pursuant to OAR 137-055-7190. As provided in ORS 110.429 and 110.432, the law of the state reviewing the order applies in determining if a basis for modification exists.

(8) Upon receipt of a written request for a periodic review or when a mandatory periodic review is required, the administrator will notify the parties of the review in writing, allowing the parties 30 days to provide information which may affect the support calculation.

(9) The administrator will notify the parties in writing of the presumed correct support amount under the child support guidelines and the need to order appropriate health care coverage or cash medical support. Notification may be by motion for modification or a proposed determination that the existing order is in substantial compliance and appropriate health care coverage or cash medical support is already ordered, and will include a request for hearing form.

(10) If the administrator determines that the support order should be modified and there is an adult child on the case, the proposed modification will be a tiered order as defined in OAR 137-055-1020.

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