

**FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS
FOR CHILD SUPPORT AND
POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Docket No.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

Case name: _____
Payor is _____
Recipient is _____

_____ Division

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM LEVELS - Section II. C. of the 2017 Child Support Guidelines

The combined gross income of the parties exceeds \$250,000.

IMPUTATION OF INCOME - Section I. D. of the 2017 Child Support Guidelines

The Court finds that **the payor** has gross income that is undocumented or unreported. Accordingly, the Court imputes income of \$ _____ per _____ based on:

The Court finds that **the recipient** has gross income that is undocumented or unreported. Accordingly, the Court imputes income of \$ _____ per _____ based on:

ATTRIBUTION OF INCOME - Section I. E. of the 2017 Child Support Guidelines

The Court finds that **the payor** is capable of working and is unemployed or underemployed.

The Court determines that **the payor** is earning less than could be earned through reasonable effort. Accordingly, the Court attributes income of \$ _____ per _____ based on:

The Court finds that **the recipient** is capable of working and is unemployed or underemployed.

The Court determines that **the recipient** is earning less than could be earned through reasonable effort. Accordingly, the Court attributes income of \$ _____ per _____ based on:

CHILD SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN AGES 18 AND 23 - Section II. F. of the 2017 Child Support Guidelines

The Court finds that the _____ is 18 or older and attending high school, but shall not be considered to be under age 18 for purposes of the guidelines and Table B because:
(first born, second born, etc.)

The Court finds that the _____ is 18 or older and attending high school, but shall not be considered to be under age 18 for purposes of the guidelines and Table B because:
(first born, second born, etc.)

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CONTRIBUTION TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION - Section II. G. of the 2017 Child Support Guidelines

- The Court finds that **the payor** has the ability to pay an amount higher than 50% of the undergraduate, in-state resident costs of the University of Massachusetts - Amherst because:
- The Court finds that **the recipient** has the ability to pay an amount higher than 50% of the undergraduate, in-state resident costs of the University of Massachusetts - Amherst because:

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE - Section II. H. of the 2017 Child Support Guidelines

- The Court determines that the additional cost paid by **the payor** to insure a person not covered by the child support order unreasonably reduces the amount of child support. The Court allows \$ _____ per week to be deducted from gross income on the guidelines worksheet.
- The Court determines that the additional cost paid by **the recipient** to insure a person not covered by the child support order unreasonably reduces the amount of child support. The Court allows \$ _____ per week to be deducted from gross income on the guidelines worksheet.
- Health care coverage is available to **the payor** through employment or other means at a reasonable cost. However, the cost of such coverage creates an undue hardship on **the payor** because:

DENTAL/VISION INSURANCE - Section II. I. of the 2017 Child Support Guidelines

- The Court determines that the additional cost paid by **the payor** to insure a person not covered by the child support order unreasonably reduces the amount of child support. The Court allows \$ _____ per week to be deducted from gross income on the guidelines worksheet.
- The Court determines that the additional cost paid by **the recipient** to insure a person not covered by the child support order unreasonably reduces the amount of child support. The Court allows \$ _____ per week to be deducted from gross income on the guidelines worksheet.

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DEVIATION - Section IV. of the 2017 Child Support Guidelines

The guidelines are applicable in this case. The amount of the child support order that would result from the application of the guidelines is \$ _____ Weekly Bi-weekly Monthly Other(specify) _____

However, the Court finds the presumptiveness of the guidelines has been rebutted because, after considering the best interests of the child, the application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate.

The specific circumstance of the case which justify departure from the guidelines are:

- the parties agree and the Court has reviewed and approved their agreement dated _____
- a child has ongoing special needs or aptitudes with financial consequences
- a child has ongoing extraordinary mental, physical, or developmental needs with financial consequences
- a parent _____
Name
has ongoing extraordinary mental, physical, or developmental needs with financial consequences
- a parent _____
Name
has extraordinary expenses for health care coverage
- a parent _____
Name
has extraordinary travel or other expenses related to parenting
- a parent _____
Name
is absorbing a child care cost that is disproportionate in relation to his or her income
- a parent _____
Name
provides substantially less than one-third of the parenting time for a child or children
- the payor is incarcerated and has insufficient financial resources to pay support
- application of the guidelines, particularly in low income cases, leaves a parent _____
Name
without the ability to self support
- application of the guidelines would result in a gross disparity in the standard of living between the two households such that one household is left with an unreasonably low percentage of the combined available income
- application of the guidelines may adversely impact reunification of a parent and child where the child has been temporarily removed from the household in accordance with G. L. c. 119
- absent deviation, application of the guidelines would lead to an order that is unjust, inappropriate or not in the best interests of the child, considering the Principles of the 2017 Child Support Guidelines
- this is a modification of an order that deviated from the guidelines at the time it entered and the facts that gave rise to the deviation still exists, deviation continues to be in the child's best interest, and the guidelines amount would be unjust or inappropriate under the circumstances
- other:

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After hearing, at which _____ and/ or _____
Name Name

was present, the Court entered an order dated _____.

_____ was ordered to pay child support in the amount of
Name

\$ _____ Weekly Bi-weekly Monthly Other(specify) _____.

Date _____

Judge of the Probate and Family Court

THIS FORM MUST BE FILED AND DOCKETED WITH THE CASE