FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS FOR CHILD SUPPORT AND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Docket No.

Massachusetts Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Case Name: _____

Payor is: _____

Recipient is: _____

_____ **Division**

Instructions: You must fill out and submit this form with a Child Support Guidelines Worksheet whenever a deviation from the Child Support Guidelines is agreed to or requested, and/or when any other section of this form may apply to your case.

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM LEVELS - Section II. C. of the 2025 Child Support Guidelines

☐ The combined gross income of the parties exceeds $450,000.

DEVIATION - Section IV. of the 2025 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) _____ , but the Court finds the presumptiveness of the guidelines has been rebutted because, after considering the best interest 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:

1. ☐ the parties agree and the Court has reviewed and approved their agreement dated _____

2. ☐ the payor is required to pay 40% or more of the payor's available income for a current child support order

3. ☐ a child has ongoing special needs or aptitudes with financial consequences

4. ☐ a child has ongoing extraordinary mental, physical, or developmental needs with financial consequences

5. ☐ a parent _____ (Name) has ongoing extraordinary mental, physical, or developmental needs with financial consequences

6. ☐ a parent _____ (Name) has extraordinary expenses for health care coverage

7. ☐ a parent _____ (Name) has extraordinary travel or other expenses related to parenting time

8. ☐ a parent _____ (Name) has extraordinary child care costs for the child or children covered by this order

9. ☐ a parent _____ (Name) provides substantially less than one-third of the parenting time for a child or children covered by this order

10. ☐ a parent _____ (Name) provides substantially more than one-third and less than one-half of the parenting time for a child or children covered by this order

11. ☐ the child or children have more than two legal parents

12. ☐ the payor is incarcerated and has insufficient financial resources to pay support

13. ☐ application of the guidelines, particularly in low income cases, leaves a parent _____ (Name) without the ability to self support

14. ☐ 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

15. ☐ 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

16. ☐ 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 2025 Child Support Guidelines

17. ☐ 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

18. ☐ other:

IMPUTATION OF INCOME - Section I. D. of the 2025 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 2025 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 2025 Child Support Guidelines

☐ The Court finds that the _____ (first born, second born, etc.) 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:

☐ The Court finds that the _____ (first born, second born, etc.) 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:

CONTRIBUTION TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION - Section II. G. of the 2025 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 2025 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 impacts 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 impacts the amount of child support. The Court allows $ _____ per week to be deducted from gross income on the guidelines worksheet.

☐ Ordering health care coverage is not in the best interest of the child or creates an undue hardship on **the payor** because:

☐ Ordering health care coverage is not in the best interest of the child or creates an undue hardship on **the recipient** because:

DENTAL/VISION INSURANCE - Section II. I. of the 2025 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 impacts 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 impacts the amount of child support. The Court allows $ _____ per week to be deducted from gross income on the guidelines worksheet.

TO BE COMPLETED BY COURT

After hearing, at which _____ (Name) and/or _____ (Name) was present, the Court entered an order dated _____ .

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

☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Other (specify) _____

Date _____ _____

Justice of the Probate and Family Court

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