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Subtitle 07 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

07.07.05 Establishment of Support Obligation

Authority: Family Law Article, §§10-114, 10-204, 10-301—10-359, and 12-101—12-204, Annotated Code of Maryland; Agency Note: Federal Regulatory Reference — 45 CFR §§302.56, 303.4—303.5, 303.8, and 303.31; 42 U.S.C. §652(f)

Notice of Proposed Action

[13-408-P]

The Secretary of Human Resources proposes to amend Regulation .03 under **COMAR 07.07.05 Establishment of Support Obligation**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to amend the current policy which requires the local child support agencies to pursue a modification if there is at least a 25% change in the support obligated amount after applying the child support guidelines. The proposed change requires the local agency to initiate action to modify if there is a material change in circumstance. This proposed change will make the regulation consistent with the standard set forth in Family Law Article, §12-104(a), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is a corresponding federal standard to this proposed action, but the proposed action is not more restrictive or stringent.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Andrea Shuck, Regulations Coordinator, Department of Human Resources, 311 W. Saratoga St., Room 265, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-2149, or email to andrea.shuck@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-333-0637. Comments will be accepted through January 27, 2014. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.03 Review and Modification of Child Support Orders.

A. — B. (text unchanged)

C. Conduct of Review.

(1) — (3) (text unchanged)

(4) The support enforcement agency shall initiate action to modify the support order if:

(a) [Application of Maryland's child support guidelines results in at least a 25 percent change in the support obligated amount] *Material change in circumstance has occurred;*

(b) — (c) (text unchanged)

(5) — (6) (text unchanged)

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