Dear Child Support Recipient or Payor:

At any time, the health and financial wellbeing of many individuals can be impacted by a single life event. You may find that you need to seek a modification of child support to account for material changes in your employment, custody, or expenses relating to childcare or health care. To better serve you, the Child Support Administration (CSA) developed this Modification Request packet.

Generally, in order to qualify for a child support modification, there must be a "material change in circumstances." Examples include:

- Emancipation or change in custody of one or more children
- A change in job status of either party this includes a loss of employment or reduction in hours, <u>unless</u> this change was voluntary (in other words, one of the parties quit his/her job)
- Increased or decreased childcare expenses
- Medical expenses

This packet includes the following documents:

- A six-page *Modification Review Questionnaire* This questionnaire includes requests for additional relevant documents that must be submitted with your complete modification packet. *These additional document requests are highlighted in yellow, bolded, italicized and underlined.*
- The *Notice of Legal Representation* This document verifies that you understand the attorneys who work for the local Offices of Child Support do **not** represent you.
- The two-page *Financial Statement* This document, which is signed under penalties of perjury, verifies your income and expenses. You only need to fill in the areas <u>under</u> "FINANCIAL STATEMENT" (and <u>not</u> the case caption information above that, which will be completed by an attorney if a modification is filed).
- A two-page listing of *Local Child Support Offices* where you will need to submit your complete Modification Packet This document is yours to keep, so you will know how to contact the appropriate local child support office.
- A listing of *Local Self-Help Centers and Non-Profit Legal Services Providers* that can assist you with seeking a modification of child support **free of charge** This document is yours to keep in case you want to request a modification on your own.

How to Request a Modification Through the Local Office Child Support

To request a child support modification review from your local child support office, you must complete the Modification Review Questionnaire, Notice of Legal Representation, and Financial Statement (all of which are contained in this packet), and send them – along with the additional documentation requested – to the child support office in the county (or Baltimore City) where your case occurred. Contact information for all local child support offices is provided in this packet.

Failure to submit (1) the Modification Packet; (2) the Notice of Legal Representation; (3) the Financial Statement; and (4) all other requested supporting documents will result in delays in your

modification request being processed. Failing to provide additional documentation requested by the local child support office or the opposing party, or willfully withholding or misrepresenting relevant information may result in (1) denial of your modification review request, or (2) withdrawal of a previously filed Motion for Modification of Child Support.

Once the local child support office receives your documents, they will contact the opposing party in the case, and request additional information from him/her. After all documents have been received, you will receive written notification regarding whether the local child support office intends to file a child support modification request in your case. Please note that this process may take up to 180 days.

Please be advised that, if the local child support office determines, in its opinion, that there is sufficient evidence of a material change in circumstances justifying a modification of support, they will file a request for modification regardless of whether the modification benefits the original requestor or the opposing party. For example, if the requesting party wanted to increase child support, but the local child support office determined that a decrease is appropriate, the office will seek a decrease in the child support obligation. Likewise, if the requesting party wanted to decrease the child support obligation, but the local office found that an increase was appropriate, they would file for an increase in child support.

Alternative Methods of Requesting Modification of Child Support

You can also file a request for a modification with the Court on your own instead of filing a request with the local child support office or after the child support office has declined to file a request on your behalf. You may wish to hire a private attorney to assist you with that filing, or you may seek assistance from a non-profit legal service provider or local self-help center. A listing of local self-help centers is provided with this packet. Some local self-help centers have limited their hours and operations; however the Maryland Court Self-Help Center is available by calling 410-260-1392, or by reaching out online at www.courts.state.md.us/selfhelp.

Your child support award will not change unless a Court reviews a motion to modify the amount and decides that a modification is appropriate. The Court may backdate the change to the date when the motion was filed with this Court. However, the Court cannot modify any arrears that accrued prior to the filing of the Motion for Modification of Child Support with the Court.

If you have any questions about the information in this packet, please call the toll-free CSA hotline at 1-800-332-6347.

Thank you,

Maryland Child Support Administration

Modification Review Questionnaire

Please type or print your answers legibly. Failure to provide legible answers may result in additional time processing your modification request.

CSMS Case Numl	ber:			
Please provide the	Requestor's Info		dification of chil	d support
Full Name				
Social Security Number		Date of Birth		
Home Address			Apt./Suite.	
Home Address (City, State, zip code)				
Cell Phone No.		Home/Work Phone No.		
Email Address				
<u>Please provide a pho</u>	<mark>oto or copy of your driver's licer</mark>	<mark>ise or identific</mark> a	<mark>ition to verif</mark> y	<mark>y your identity</mark> .
Please provide as mi	Other Party's Infouch information about the opposing pa		nt or custodian)	as is known
Full Name				
Social Security Number		Date of Birth		
Home Address			Apt./Suite.	
Home Address (City, State, zip code)				
Cell Phone No.		Home/Work Phone No.		
Email Address				
		0 114		
C	hild(ren)'s Information –		ONLY	
Child #1's Name		Date of Birth		
Child #2's Name		Date of Birth		
Child #3's Name		Date of Birth		
Child #4's Name		Date of Birth		

Please provide a copy of the current child support order and the child support guidelines worksheet that was used to calculate your current child support obligation.

am requesting a/an:	select one)		
☐ INCREASE in	n the support obligation		
☐ DECREASE i	n the support obligation	1	
am requesting this m	odification because: (check all that apply)	
☐ Child[ren] has/l	have emancipated:		
Child #1's Name		Date of Birth	
Child #2's		Date of	
Name Child #3's		Birth Date of	
Name		Birth	
	a decrease in my income ed at		
If you are incard are	Facility Name rcerated, please provide of the second of t	sentencing and commi been granted custody of colease provide Court O	tment paperwork. Child

<u>Information Required to Calculate Maryland's Child Support Guidelines</u> (If you fail to provide all requested information, your case may be rejected)

1. Other Child Support Obligations

Do you have an	y othe	r biological or legally	adopted children	n that y	ou support? (select one)
		☐ Yes	□ No		
If you selected	Yes, pl	ease provide the name	e(s) and date(s) of	of birth	for each child
Child #1's Name				Date of Birth	
Child #2's Name				Date of Birth	of
Child #3's Name				Date of Birth	of
Please list all ex	kisting	Court ordered support (Please use an additional	_	t <u>you</u> ar	re obligated to pay
Child(ren) Order	on	Amount	Frequenc	y	State/County that issued order
		\$	□ Weekly □ M	onthly	
		\$	□ Weekly □ M	onthly	
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Requesting Party			7.)		
 +	•	t status? (select all that a			
\square Emp	•	☐ Self-Emplo			mployed
If you selected Emp	oloyed,	please provide the fol	llowing informa	tion abo	out your employment:
Business/Employer's Name		Work Address	Gross Incom (before taxes)		Frequency (weekly, weekly, monthly, yearly)
			\$		
			\$		
	•				

List any other sources of income (such as Social Security Benefits, Unemployment, Retirement, Military Benefits, etc.) that **<u>vou</u>** receive:

Source(s) of Income	Income Amount	Frequency (weekly, biweekly, monthly, yearly)
	\$	
	\$	

To verify your income, you must provide:

- Four (4) of your most recent paystubs;
- W-2s, 1099s, tax forms, or tax returns for the previous year;
- A copy of your award statement, if you receive Social Security Benefits or unemployment; OR
- Any other documentation you have regarding how you earn an income.

If you selected Unemployed, please provide the following information about your most recent employment:

Business/Employer's Name	Work Address	Gross Income (before taxes)	Frequency (weekly, biweekly, monthly, yearly)
		\$	
		\$	
Please state the circumst	ances as to why you are no	onger employed: _	
To verify your claim			
• <u>Application f</u>	of Termination; For Unemployment Benefits Coumentation relating to you		
3. Other Party's Incor	ne Information (if known)		
What is the other pa	arty's employment status (if	known)? (select all t	hat apply)
☐ Emplo	yed \square Self-Employ	yed 🗆 U	Inemployed
If the other party is e	mployed, please provide the	following informa	tion (if known):

Business/Employer's Name	Work Address	Gross Income (before taxes)	Frequency (weekly, biweekly, monthly, yearly)
		\$	
		\$	

List any other sources of income (such as Social Security Benefits, Unemployment, Retirement, Military Benefits, etc.) that the <u>other party receives</u> (if known):

Source	ce(s) of Income	Income Amount	Frequency (weekly, biweekly, monthly, yearly)		
		\$			
		\$			
4. Health Insurance	e Information	1			
Who covers the h	ealth insurance for the child(ren) in this case?			
Requesting party (Person filling out form) Other party For example, the State, stepparent, or other 3rd party)					
	OT currently providing heal				
	employer indicating whethe				
<u>your employn</u> and your chil	<mark>nent and, if so, the cost to c</mark> d(ren).	over you alone ana l	ine totat cost to cover you		
	nce for the child(ren), please	provide the following	g information		
Health Insurance Premium you pay	Frequency (weekly, bimonthly, monthly)	Type of Police	Number of people on Policy		
\$		□ Individual □ Fan	nily		
Please provide docui	mentation to verify the cost of	<mark>of providing health i</mark> t	nsurance to the child(ren).		
exceeding \$25	extraordinary medical expension of the extraordinary medi	or dental treatment, vi	sion care, physical therapy,		
□ No	\square Yes – If so, what is the	estimated cost per mo	onth? \$		
<u>Please provide r</u>	<mark>eceipts or benefits statement</mark>	s for any extraordina	<mark>ary medical expenses</mark> .		
5. Work-Related C	hildcare Exnenses				
	rk-related childcare expenses	for the child(ren)?	alact ona)		
The there any wor	☐ Yes	□ No	etect one)		
TC4 1:11					
	are expenses, how much do				
	,	eekly Biweekly	-		
	<mark>provide recent cancelled ch</mark> hildcare provider, or a child		<mark>rized statement from</mark>		
If there are childe	are expenses, how much doe	es the <u>other party</u> pa	y? \$		
How o	often? (select one)	eekly Biweekly	√ ☐ Monthly		

Who provides childcare for the child(ren)?

	Name (Business or Person)	Addre	ess	Phone N	lumber
6.	Custody				
	How many overnights de	o(es) the child(ren) spend w	ith you per year?		
	How many overnights de	o(es) the child(ren) spend w	ith the other par	ty per year?	
7	A Line const				
7.	Alimony				
	Is alimony paid or receive	red in this case? (select one)	□ No	☐ Yes	
	If so, do you pay or i	receive the alimony? (select of	one)		
	\square I pay it to	the other party \square I receive	ve it from the other	er party	
	What is the amount of	of alimony paid or received	\$	_?	
	How often?	select one)	☐ Biweekly	\square Monthly	
	Do you <u>receive</u> any alim	ony payments in any other	cases?	\square No	☐ Yes
	If so, how much do y	ou receive \$?			
	How often?	select one)	☐ Biweekly	\square Monthly	
	Are you ordered to pay	alimony to anyone in any o	ther case? □ No	o □ Ye	S
	If so, how much do y	ou pay \$	_?		
	How often?	select one)	☐ Biweekly	\square Monthly	
	Please provid	le proof of obligation.			

NOTICE OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Attorneys working in the child support program represent the Child Support Administration of the State of Maryland and not any individual in performance of the attorneys' duties.

Please be advised of the following information regarding the representation of the attorney:

- 1. The child support attorney does not represent you or your personal interest. The child support attorney represents the local Office of Child Support and the Child Support Administration of the State of Maryland. There is no attorney-client relationship between you and the attorney, between you and the child support office, or any employees thereof. Any information you provide may not be treated as confidential, except as provided by law.
- 2. You may be required to appear as a witness in court. Your failure to appear for court pursuant to an order or subpoena could result in your arrest or the dismissal of your pleading.
- 3. Attorneys working in the child support program will not become involved in custody and visitation disputes between the child's parents or other family members. You may need to obtain your own legal representation if custody or visitation becomes an issue in your child support case.
- 4. While you are receiving State child support services, you may also elect to hire a private attorney to represent your interest in your child support proceedings.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call your local child support office.

BY	SIGNING	G BELOW	, I ACKNO	WLEDGE	THAT I	UNDERSTAND	THE
CO	NTENTS	OF THIS	NOTICE (F LEGAL	REPRE	SENTATION.	

SIGNATURE	DATE

Circuit Court for		, Maryland			
Located at		Case No			
Plaintiff	_	Defendant			
Street Address		Street Address			
City, State, Zip	Telephone	City, State, Zip	Telephone		
	FINANCIAL S	STATEMENT			
I,	Name		, state that:		
, 	Name				
I am the			of the minor child(ren)		
including children who have enrolled in elementary	ave not attained the age of y school:	f 19 years, are not marrie	ed or self-supporting, and		
Child's Name	Date of Birth	Child's Name	Date of Birth		
Child's Name	Date of Birth	Child's Name	Date of Birth		
Child's Name	Date of Birth	Child's Name	Date of Birth		
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Child support I an	n paying for my other child	d(ren) each month:	\$		
Alimony I am pay	ring each month to	Name of Peron(s)	:		
	eiving each month from	Name of Person(s)	: \$:		
Expenses for the child(rer	ı) listed above:				
Monthly health ins	surance premium:		\$		
Monthly work-rela	ated childcare expenses:		\$		
Extraordinary mor	nthly medical expenses:		\$		
School and transpo	ortation expenses:		\$		
	er the penalties of perjui knowledge, information		the foregoing paper are		
Si	gnature		Date		

¹ To figure the monthly amount of expenses, weekly expenses should be multiplied by 4.3 and yearly expenses should be divided by 12. If you do not pay the same amount each month for any of the categories listed, figure what your average monthly expense is.

Financial Statement Definitions

Total Monthly Income: Your total monthly income from employment is the gross amount before taxes are taken out. Include income from all sources including, self-employment, rent, royalties, business income, salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, dividends, pensions, interest, trusts, annuities, social security benefits, workers compensation, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, alimony or maintenance received, tips, income from side jobs, severance pay, capital gains, gifts, prizes, lottery winnings, etc. Do <u>not</u> report benefits from means-tested public assistance programs such as food stamps or Temporary Cash Assistance.

Childcare Expenses: Actual childcare expenses incurred on behalf of a child due to employment or job search of either parent with amount to be determined by actual experience or the level required to provide quality care from a licensed source.

Extraordinary Medical Expenses: <u>Uninsured expenses in excess of \$250 in a calendar year for medical treatment</u>, including orthodontia, dental treatment, vision care, asthma treatment, physical therapy, treatment for any chronic health problems, and professional counseling or psychiatric therapy for diagnosed mental disorders.

School and Transportation Expenses: Any expenses for attending a special or private elementary or secondary school to meet the particular needs of the child and expenses for transportation of the child between the homes of the parents.

Local Child Support Offices

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Allegany County

1 Frederick Street, Cumberland MD 21502 Email: ACDSS.CSA@maryland.gov

Anne Arundel County

44 Calvert Street, 2nd Floor Annapolis MD 21401

Email: aaocs.modpacket@maryland.gov

Baltimore City

Baltimore City East:

1900 Howard St., Ste. 102, Baltimore, MD 21218

Baltimore City West:

2401 Liberty Heights Avenue, # 4645,

Baltimore, MD 21215

Email: BaltimoreCityR&AUnit@maryland.gov

Baltimore County

211 Schilling Circle, Suite 102, Hunt Valley, MD 21031

Email: supportofficer@juno.com

Calvert County

200 Duke Street, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Email: calvert.bose@maryland.gov

Caroline County

Mailing Address:

PO Box 400, Denton, MD 21629

Office Location:

300 Market Street, Denton, MD 21629

Email: caroline.childsupport@maryland.gov

Carroll County

Mailing Address:

PO Box 930, Westminster, MD 21158

Office Location:

1232 Tech Court, Westminster, MD 21157

Email: Carroll.CSA DHS@maryland.gov

Cecil County

Mailing Address:

PO Box 1160, Elkton, MD 21922

Office Location:

170 E. Main Street, Elkton, MD 21921 Email: rosalind.allen@maryland.gov

Charles County

200 Kent Avenue, LaPlata, MD 20646 Email: tiffany.roseonyekuru@maryland.gov

Dorchester County

2737 Dorchester Square Cambridge, MD 21613

Email: dorchesterdss.childsupport@maryland.gov

Frederick County

Mailing Address:

PO Box 237, Frederick, MD 21705

Office Location:

1888 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701

Email: fcdss.childsupport@maryland.gov

Garrett County

12578 Garratt Highway, Oakland, MD 21550

Email: tanya.kessell@maryland.gov

Harford County

101 S. Main Street, Suite 200, Bel Air, MD 21014

Email: Harfordcsa.Legal@maryland.gov

Howard County

9780 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

Email: Hococsa.legal@maryland.gov

Kent County

315 High Street, Suite 208, Chestertown, MD 21620

Email: lindsay.blume@maryland.gov

Montgomery County

Mailing Address:

51 Monroe Street, Suite 811, Rockville, MD 20850

Office Location:

51 Monroe Street, 9th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850 Email: MontgomeryCountyOffice.ChildSupport@maryland.gov

Prince George's County

4235 28th Avenue, Suite 135, Temple Hills, MD 20748

Email: legal.pgcocs@maryland.gov

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Queen Anne's County

Office Location:

125 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617 Email: vincenta.parker1@maryland.gov

Somerset County

Mailing Address:

PO Box 369, Princess Anne, MD 21853

Office Location:

30397 Mt. Vernon Road, Princess Anne, MD 21853

Email: denise.merrick@maryland.gov

St. Mary's County

Mailing Address:

PO Box 509, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Office Location:

23110 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Email: dhscspip.saintmary@maryland.gov

Talbot County

301 Bay Street, Unit 5, Easton, MD 21601 Email: kristin.bringman@maryland.gov

Washington County

122 N. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21741

Email: washingtoncounty.childsupport@maryland.gov

Wicomico County

31901 Tri-County Way, St. 101, Salisbury, MD 21804

Email: april.schenck2@maryland.gov

Worcester County

299 Commerce Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863

Email: csa.worcester@maryland.gov

Non-Profit Legal Service Providers & Local Family Law Self-Help Centers

Maryland Legal Aid Bureau:

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Services:

www.mdlab.org

www.mvlslaw.org

For information on local *Family Law Self-help Centers*, go to www.courts.state.md.us/family/familyselfhelp

Allegany County

59 Prospect Square, Cumberland 310-722-3390

Anne Arundel County

8 Church Circle, Suite 303, Annapolis 410-222-1153

Baltimore City

111 N. Calvert Street, Room 114, Baltimore

Baltimore County

401 Bosley Avenue, Room 101, Towson

Calvert County

175 Main Street, Prince Frederick 410-535-1600 (ext. 2516)

Caroline County

109 Market Street, Room 200, Denton 410-479-1811

Carroll County

55 N. Court Street, Room 208, Westminster 410-386-2751

Cecil County

129 Main Street, Room 205, Elkton 410-996-1157

Charles County

200 Charles Street, LaPlata 301-932-3278

Dorchester County

206 High Street, Room 101, Cambridge 410-228-1395

Frederick County

100 W. Patrick Street, Lower Level, Frederick Frederick Community College, Bldg. E 301-600-2023

Garrett County

203 S. 4th Street, Oakland 301-334-7602

Harford County

20 W. Courtland Street, Level A, Bel Air 410-638-4916

Howard County

9250 Judicial Way, Ellicott City, MD 21043 410-313-2225 Family Law Coordinator

Kent County

102 N. Cross Street, 2^{nd} Floor, Chestertown 410-810-1059

Montgomery County

50 Maryland Avenue, South Tower, Room 1500, Rockville 240-777-9076

Prince George's County

14735 Main Street, Rooms M0416 & M2435, Upper Marlboro 301-780-8000 240-391-6370

Queen Anne's County

200 N. Commerce Street, Suite 114, Centreville200 Library Circle, Stevensville121 S. Commerce Street, Centreville

Somerset County

30513 Prince William Street, Princess Anne 410-621-7583

St. Mary's County

41605 Courthouse Drive Leonardtown 21677 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Blvd., Lexington Park 301-475-7844 (ext. 4121)

Talbot County

11 N. Washington Street, South Wing, Easton 100 W. Dover Street, Easton 410-770-6806

Washington County

24 Summit Avenue, Room 229, Hagerstown 240-313-2580

Wicomico County

101 N. Division Street, Salisbury 410-334-3110

Worcester County

One W. Market Street, Room 101, Snow Hill 410-632-5638