#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

# ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 216 Updated November 16, 2009

Re: Kansas Child Support Guidelines

Effective January 1, 2010, the attached Kansas Child Support Guidelines adopted pursuant to Administrative Order No. 216 signed September 19, 2007, are hereby updated to include the 2009 and 2010 federal tax schedule; to include an updated Section III, B General Instructions, Application with new section 10, Birth Expenses; and to include an updated Section IV, D, 4 Specific Instructions for the Worksheet, Computation of Child Support, Health, Dental, Orthodontic, and Optometric Expenses (Line D.4).

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this \_

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Robert E. Davis Chief Justice

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# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Administrative Order No. 216 Updated November 30, 2007

Re: Kansas Child Support Guidelines

The attached Kansas Child Support Guidelines adopted pursuant to Administrative Order No. 216 signed September 19, 2007, is hereby updated to include the 2008 federal tax schedule.

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Kay McFarland

Chief Justice

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# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Administrative Order No. 216

Re: Kansas Child Support Guidelines

The attached Kansas Child Support Guidelines are hereby adopted, and are to be used as a basis for establishing and reviewing child support orders in the district courts of Kansas, effective January 1, 2008.

Administrative Order No. 180 (2006 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 105 *et seq.*), adopted and effective on January 1, 2004, promulgating Kansas Child Support Guidelines, is superseded by this order.

BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT this

Kay McFarland

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# KANSAS CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

Pursuant to Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 216 Amended November 30, 2007 Amended November 16, 2009

Effective January 1, 2008

November 16, 2009 Updates Effective January 1, 2010:
Addition of Section III,B,10
Update to Section IV,D,4
Addition of 2009 and 2010 Federal Tax Schedules

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# Administrative Order 216 Re: 2008 KANSAS CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

#### I. USE OF THE GUIDELINES

The Kansas Child Support Guidelines are the basis for establishing and reviewing child support orders in Kansas, including cases settled by agreement of the parties. Judges and hearing officers must follow the guidelines and the court shall consider all relevant evidence presented in setting an amount of child support.

The Net Parental Child Support Obligation is calculated by completing a Child Support Worksheet (Appendix I).

The calculation of the respective parental child support obligations on Line D.9 of the worksheet is a rebuttable presumption of a reasonable child support order. If a party alleges that the Line D.9 support amount is unjust or inappropriate in a particular case, the party seeking the adjustment has the burden of proof to show that an adjustment should apply. If the court finds from relevant evidence that it is in the best interest of the child to make an adjustment, the court shall complete Section E of the Child Support Worksheet. The completion of Section E of the worksheet shall constitute the written findings for deviating from the rebuttable presumption.

### II. <u>DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATION</u>

### A. <u>Child Support</u>

The purpose of child support is to provide for the needs of the child. The needs of the child are not limited to direct expenses for food, clothing, school, and entertainment. Child support is also to be used to provide for housing, utilities, transportation, and other indirect expenses related to the day-to-day care and well-being of the child.

#### B. Child Support Worksheet

The worksheet should contain the actual calculation of the child support based on Child Support Income, Work-Related Child Care Costs, Health, Dental, Orthodontic, and Optometric Insurance Premiums, and any Child Support Adjustments. (See Section IV, Specific Instructions for the Worksheet and Appendix VII, for a completed sample worksheet.)

# C. Child Support Schedules

The Child Support Schedules (Appendix II) are adopted by the Kansas Supreme Court based on the recommendation of the Kansas Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee. 1 The schedules are based upon national data regarding average family expenditures for children. which vary depending upon three major factors: the parents' combined income, the number of children in the family, and the ages of the children.<sup>2</sup> The schedules are derived from an economic model initially developed in 1987 by Dr. William Terrell.<sup>3</sup> In the fall of 1989, Dr. Ann Coulson updated the schedules. 4 which were then modified downward at lower income levels in 1990 at the Court's request, and adjusted for current economic data in 1993.<sup>5</sup> Dr. William Terrell reviewed various studies and foundation data in 1998 and 2002. These reviews led to updated schedule proposals; however, no changes were made in 1998. His more recent statistical analyses and attendant schedule changes provide the basis for the committee's recommendations that were adopted by the Court in 2003.6 Dr. Jodi Messer-Pelkowski worked with Dr. Terrell during the review period which led to the adoption of Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 180 effective January 1, 2004, and took over Dr. Terrell's work during 2005. Her analysis of economic trends in spending on children served as the basis for the committee recommendations in 2007.

The schedules take into consideration that income deductions for social security, federal retirement, and federal and state income taxes, as

well as property taxes on owner-occupied housing, are not available to the family for spending. Thus, although the schedules use combined gross monthly income as an index that identifies values in the child support schedules, the entries in the schedules used to calculate the actual child support obligation are based upon either consumption spending or after-tax income, whichever is lower. The schedules also include a built-in reduction from average expenditures per child (the dissolution burden), because of the financial impact on the family of maintaining two households instead of one. 10

# D. Domestic Gross Income - Wage Earner

The Domestic Gross Income for the wage earner is income from all sources, including that which is regularly or periodically received, excluding public assistance and child support received for other children in the residency of either parent. For purposes of these guidelines, the term "public assistance" means all income, whether in cash or in-kind, which is received from public sources and for which the recipient is eligible on the basis of financial need. It includes, but is not limited to, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Earned Income Credit (EIC), food stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), General Assistance (GA), Medicaid, Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), Section 8, and other forms of public housing assistance.

It may be necessary for the court to consider historical information and the seasonal nature of employment. For example, if overtime is regularly earned by one of the parties, then a historical average of one year should be considered.

In instances where one or both of the parties is employed by a branch of the armed forces or is called to active duty by a branch of the armed forces, then the court shall include the basic pay of the party plus Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) and Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS). The court may consider cost of living differences in determining the Domestic Gross Income. Depending upon the facts of the case, the court may consider the BAH II Incentive or Special Pays and other forms of pay as found in Appendix IX.

Frequently, a wage earner's income is adjusted for a salary reduction arrangement for qualified benefits offered under a cafeteria plan (See Appendix VI). In such cases, the use of gross wages (total income before any salary reduction amounts) results in the simplest and fairest application of the guidelines. Therefore, the gross income of the wage earner, regardless of whether it is taxable or nontaxable, is to be used to compute child support payments.

# E. <u>Income Computation - Self-Employed</u>

# 1. <u>Self-Employment Gross Income</u>

Self-Employment Gross Income is income from selfemployment and all other income including that which is regularly and periodically received from any source excluding public assistance and child support received for other children in the residency of either parent.

# 2. Reasonable Business Expenses

In cases of self-employed persons, Reasonable Business Expenses are those actual expenditures reasonably necessary for the production of income. Depreciation shall be included only if it is shown that it is reasonably necessary for the production of income. Reasonable Business Expenses shall include the additional self-employment tax paid over and above the FICA rate.

# 3. <u>Domestic Gross Income - Self-Employed</u>

Domestic Gross Income for self-employed persons is selfemployment gross income less Reasonable Business Expenses.

#### F. Imputed Income

- 1. Income may be imputed to the parent not having primary residency<sup>11</sup> in appropriate circumstances, including the following:
  - Absent substantial justification, it should be assumed that a
    parent is able to earn at least the federal minimum wage and
    to work 40 hours per week.
  - b. When a parent is deliberately unemployed, although capable of working full-time, employment potential and probable earnings may be based on the parent's recent work history, occupational skills, and the prevailing job opportunities in the community.
  - c. When a parent receives significant in-kind payments that reduce personal living expenses as a result of employment, such as a company car, free housing, or reimbursed meals, the value of such reimbursement should be added to gross income.

- d. When there is evidence that a parent is deliberately underemployed for the purpose of avoiding child support, the court may evaluate the circumstances to determine whether actual or potential earnings should be used.
- 2. Income may be imputed to the parent having primary residency in appropriate circumstances, but should not result in a higher support obligation for the other parent.

# G. Child Support Income

Child Support Income is the Domestic Gross Income after adjustments for child support paid in other cases and for maintenance paid or received in the present case or other cases. (See Section IV, Specific Instructions for the Worksheet, subsection D.1 and Appendix VII for a sample worksheet.)

# H. Child Support Adjustments

Child Support Adjustments are considerations of additions or subtractions from the Net Parental Child Support Obligation to be made if in the best interests of the child. (See Section IV, Specific Instructions for the Worksheet, subsection E.)

# III. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### A. <u>Documentation</u>

The party requesting a child support order or modification shall present to the court a completed worksheet, together with a completed Domestic Relations Affidavit (Appendix III). This information shall assist the court in confirming or adjusting the various amounts entered on the worksheet. The information required shall be attached to the application for support or motion to modify support.

A worksheet approved by the court shall be filed in every case where an order of child support is entered.

# B. Applications

#### 1. Rounding

Calculations should be rounded to the nearest tenth for percentages.

Calculations should be rounded to the nearest dollar in all instances.

In using the Child Support Schedules for income amounts not shown, it may be necessary to round to the nearest basic child support obligation amounts.

# 2. Age

In determining the age of a child, use the age on the child's nearest birthday.

# 3. <u>Income Beyond the Child Support Schedule</u>

If the Combined Child Support Income exceeds the highest amount shown on the schedules, the court should exercise its discretion by considering what amount of child support should be set in addition to the highest amount on the Child Support Schedule. For the convenience of the parties, a formula is contained at the end of each child support schedule to compute the amount that is not set forth on the schedules. (See Appendix VIII, Example 2.)

#### 4. More than Six Children

If the parties share legal responsibility for more than six children, support should be based upon the established needs of the children and be greater than the amount of child support on the Six Child Families' Schedule.

# 5. Divided Residency Situations

Divided Residency is when parents have two or more children and each parent has residency of one or more of the children.

For Divided Residency, if each parent has primary residency of one or more children, a worksheet should be prepared for each

family unit using the Child Support Schedule which corresponds with the total number of children of the parties living in each family unit. If the parties' children are covered by the same health insurance policy, the cost should be prorated based upon the number of children in each family unit. Upon completion of the two worksheets, the lower Net Parental Child Support Obligation is subtracted from the higher amount. The difference is the amount of child support the party having the higher obligation will pay to the party with the lower obligation. (See Appendix VIII, Example 1, Subsection D.2, Scenario 8.)

#### 6. Multiple-Family Application

The Multiple-Family Application may be used to adjust the child support obligation of the parent not having primary residency when that parent has legal financial responsibility for the support of other children who reside with that parent. The Multiple-Family Application may be used only by a parent not having primary residency when establishing an original order of child support or an increase in support is sought by the parent having primary residency. If using the Multiple-Family Application will result in a gross child support obligation (Line D.3 in the Child Support Worksheet) below the poverty level, the use of the Multiple-Family Application is discretionary.

For the Multiple-Family Application, if the parent not having primary residency has children by another relationship who reside with him/her, use the Child Support Schedule representing the total number of children the parent not having primary residency is legally obligated to support to determine the basic child support obligation. (See Section IV, Specific Instructions for the Worksheet, subsection D.3; and Appendix VIII, Example 1, subsection D.2, scenarios 6 and 7.)

If the wife of the parent not having primary residency or the parent not having primary residency herself is pregnant at the time of the motion to increase child support, the court shall complete two Child Support Worksheets, one with Multiple-Family Application including the unborn child, and one without the unborn child. The court shall then order that, until the birth of the child, the child support amount from the Child Support Worksheet (without a Multiple-Family Application based on the new child) will be utilized. Beginning with the first payment following the birth of the child, the child support amount from the Child Support Worksheet including the new child shall be utilized.

In the instance of shared residency or divided residency, the Multiple-Family Application is available to either party in defense of a requested child support increase.

# 7. Shared Expense Formula

Parents who share the children's time equally or nearly equally may be eligible for a parenting time adjustment (see Section IV, E. 2) or use the shared expense formula, but not both. In most cases, parents who share their children's time equally or nearly equally should consider requesting a parenting time adjustment provided for in Section IV. E. 2 rather than use the shared expense formula.

Sharing expenses and using the Shared Expense Formula is an alternative method of paying expenses related to the children. Sharing expenses and using the shared expense formula is complicated and requires parents to communicate and cooperate regularly. Sharing expenses and using the formula should only be attempted by parents who communicate well, who are highly cooperative co-parents, who have the ability and willingness to keep accurate records for the period of time necessary to raise their children, who will timely share the children's direct expenses, who have similar values and tastes, who have considered the current and future needs of their children carefully, and who are willing and able to resolve minor problems without the intervention of others.

- Court Approval. No shared expense formula shall be ordered without the court having approved the following four requirements:
  - 1. Equal-parenting time. A court must have made a determination that equal parenting time is in the best interests of the minor children. The children's time with each parent must be regular and equal or nearly equal rather than equal based on a nonprimary residency extended parenting time basis (i.e., summer visitation, holidays, etc.).
  - 2. Agreed Detailed Plan.
    - a. The parties have executed a detailed written agreement to share the direct expenses of the child on an equal or nearly equal basis. Direct

- expenses include, but are not limited to, clothing and education expenses, but do not include food, transportation, housing, or utilities.
- b. Unreimbursed health expenses (Section IV, Specific Instruction for the Worksheet, subsection D.4.b) should continue to be shared in proportion to the parties' income. See worksheet Line D.2.
- Direct expenses may be shared by dividing each expense or by offsetting expenses.
   Samples of different expense sharing plans are shown at Appendix X of the Guidelines. These are shown for illustration purposes only.
- 3. Worksheet. The parties must present a child support worksheet using the shared expense formula.
- 4. Alternative dispute provision. The parties shared expense agreement must include an alternative dispute process for any disagreements the parents may have concerning the children's expenses.
- b. Sanctions. Failure to share expenses pursuant to the expense sharing agreement or failure to abide by the time sharing agreement may result in termination of the use of the shared expense formula or other appropriate sanctions.
- c. Shared Expense Formula. The support is calculated using one worksheet. The amount of the lower Net Parental Child Support Obligation (Line F.5) is subtracted from the higher amount and the difference is then multiplied by .50. The resulting amount is the child support the party having the higher obligation will pay to the party with the lower obligation.
- d. Prospective application. This section shall apply prospectively and its adoption shall not constitute a material change in circumstances in shared residential custody arrangements ordered prior to the effective date of these guidelines.

# 8. Residence with a Third Party

If the child is residing with a third party, the court shall order each of the parties to pay to the third party their respective amounts of child support as determined by the worksheet.

# 9. Interstate Pay Differential

The cost of living may vary among states. The "Average Annual Pay by State and Industry" as reported by the United States Department of Labor Statistics can be used to compute a value for the interstate pay differential. Appendix IV provides instructions and an example. The adjusted monthly income figure is entered on Line A.1, Line B.1, or Line C.4, as appropriate. There is a rebuttable presumption that the adjusted pay amount reflects the variance in average pay. The application of the Interstate Pay Differential is discretionary.

The income of the parties will not be subject to an interstate pay differential if both parties live in Kansas or reside in the same metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

# 10. <u>Birth Expenses</u>

If a judgment for birth expenses is awarded, the presumed amount is the parent's proportionate share as reflected in Line D.2 of the Worksheet.

If a parent's proportionate share of the birth expenses is more than 5% of the parent's current gross annual income projected over five years, the parent may request deviation from the presumed amount.

# IV. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE WORKSHEET

A completed worksheet using an example is attached as Appendix VII.

#### A. Income Computation - Wage Earner (Section A)

Section A of the worksheet determines the Domestic Gross Income for wage earners. Federal and State withholding taxes and Social Security are already considered within the Child Support Schedules. The amount of the Domestic Gross Income is entered on Line A.1 and also on Line C.1 (See Appendix VII, for a completed worksheet and Appendix VIII, Example 1, subsection A.)

# B. <u>Income Computation - Self-Employed</u> (Section B)

Section B of the worksheet determines the Domestic Gross Income (Line B.3) for self-employed persons. Reasonable Business Expenses (Line B.2) will be deducted from the Self-Employment Gross Income (Line B.1). The resulting amount on Line B.3 is also entered on Line C.1. (See Appendix VII, for a completed worksheet and Appendix VIII, Example 1, subsection B.)

# C. <u>Adjustments to Domestic Gross Income</u> (Section C)

This section contains adjustments to Domestic Gross Income for individuals who are wage earners in Section A or self-employed persons in Section B of the worksheet. The payments of child support arrearages shall not be deducted. The following adjustments to Domestic Gross Income may be appropriate in individual circumstances:

# 1. <u>Domestic Gross Income</u> (Line C.1)

This amount is transferred from either Line A.1 or Line B.3 above or both, if applicable.

# 2. <u>Court-Ordered Child Support Paid</u> (Line C.2)

Child support obligations in other cases shall be deducted to the extent that these support obligations are actually paid. These amounts are entered on Line C.2. The payment of child support arrearages shall not be deducted.

### 3. <u>Court-Ordered Maintenance Paid</u> (Line C.3)

The amount of court-ordered maintenance paid pursuant to a court order in this or a prior divorce case shall be deducted to the extent that the maintenance is actually paid. This amount is entered on Line C.3. The payments of court-ordered maintenance arrearages shall not be deducted.

# 4. <u>Court-Ordered Maintenance Received</u> (Line C.4)

The amount of any court-ordered maintenance received by a party pursuant to a court order in this or a prior divorce case shall be added as income to the extent that the maintenance is actually received and is not for arrearages. This amount is entered on Line C.4.

# 5. <u>Child Support Income</u> (Line C.5)

The result of the adjustments to the Domestic Gross Income is entered on Line C.5 of the worksheet and then transferred to Line D.1. (See Appendix VII, for a completed worksheet and Appendix VIII, Example 1, subsection C.)

# D. <u>Computation of Child Support</u> (Section D)

# 1. <u>Child Support Income</u> (Line D.1)

The Child Support Income amount is transferred from Line C.5. The amounts for the Petitioner and the Respondent are added together for the Combined Child Support Income amount.

# 2. Proportionate Shares of Combined Income (Line D.2)

To determine each parent's proportionate share of the Combined Child Support Income, each parent's Child Support Income is divided by the total of the Combined Child Support Income. These percentages are entered on Line D.2. (See Appendix VII, for a completed worksheet and Appendix VIII, Example 1, subsection D.1.)

# 3. Gross Child Support Obligation (Line D.3)

The Gross Child Support Obligation is determined using the Child Support Schedules. The Child Support Schedules have three major factors: the number of children in the family, the Combined Child Support Income, and the age of each child. The Child Support Schedule corresponding to the total number of children for whom the parents share responsibility should be found. If the Multiple-Family Application applies, then the Child Support Schedule for the number of children the parent not having primary residency is supporting under the Multiple-Family Application should be used. (If using the Multiple-Family Application will result in a gross child support obligation (Line D.3) below the poverty level shown on the applicable Child Support Schedule, the use of the Multiple-Family Application is discretionary.)

The Combined Child Support Income amount should be identified in the left-hand column of the applicable child support schedule. The amount for each child should be identified in the appropriate age column for each child. The amounts for all of the

children should be added together to arrive at the total Gross Child Support Obligation. The total Gross Child Support Obligation is entered on Line D.3. If there is divided residency as defined in Section III, subsection B.5, two child support schedules must be prepared. (See Child Support Schedules, Appendix II, Appendix VII, and Appendix VIII, subsection D.2.)

- 4. Health, Dental, Orthodontic, and Optometric Expenses (Line D.4)
  - a. Health, Dental, Orthodontic and Optometric Premiums

The cost to the parent or parent's household to provide for health, dental, orthodontic, or optometric insurance coverage for the child is to be added to the Gross Child Support Obligation. If coverage is provided without cost to the parents or parent's household, then zero should be entered as the amount. If there is a cost, the amount to be used on Line D.4 is the actual cost for the child or children.

The court has the discretion to determine whether the proposed insurance cost is reasonable, taking into consideration the income and circumstances of each of the parties and the quality of the insurance proposed, and to make an adjustment as appropriate. The cost of insurance coverage should be entered in the column of the parent or parent's household which is providing it, and the total is entered on Line D.4. (See Appendix VIII, Example 1, subsection D.3.)

#### b. Unreimbursed Health Costs

In all residential arrangements, including shared residency, the court shall provide that all necessary medical expenses (including, but not limited to, health, dental, orthodontic, or optometric) not covered by insurance (including deductible) should be assessed to the parties in accordance with the parties' proportional share on Line D.2 of the worksheet.

# 5. Work-Related Child Care Costs (Line D.5)

Actual, reasonable, and necessary child care costs paid to permit employment or job search of a parent should be added to the support obligation. "Paid" means the net amount after deducting any third party reimbursements. The court has the discretion to determine whether proposed or actual child care costs are reasonable, taking into consideration the income and circumstances of each of the parties. The monthly figure is the averaged annual amount, including variations for summer.

Projected child care expenses should be reduced by the anticipated tax credit for child care before an amount is entered on the worksheet (Appendix VIII, D.4, Table 1):

- a. The annual Adjusted Gross Income, as defined by the IRS, of the party incurring the child care costs should be used to determine the applicable percentage.
- b. The appropriate percentage should be applied to the monthly child care costs incurred for children under 13 years of age. The tax credit applies to actual child care expenditures up to \$250 per month for one child or \$500 per month for two or more children receiving child care. Table 1 in Appendix VIII, subsection D.4, lists the maximum allowable monthly child care credit.
- c. In addition to the federal credit determined above, a credit shall be applied based on the Kansas child care credit. This credit shall be applied by multiplying the federal credit calculated in subsection b above in this section by 25% (.25).
- d. Both the federal credit (subsection b. above) and the Kansas credit (subsection c. above) are to be subtracted from the monthly child care costs to determine the basic child care costs entered on Line D.5 of the worksheet.
- e. Note that the amounts and percentages used in subsections b. and c. of this section may change from time to time due to changes in federal and/or Kansas tax law. Current tax law should be reviewed for any potential changes.

# 6. <u>Parents' Total Child Support Obligation</u> (Line D.6)

The Parents' Total Child Support Obligation is the sum of the Gross Child Support Obligation (Line D.3), the health, dental, orthodontic, and optometric premiums (Line D.4), and the Work-Related Child Care Costs (Line D.5). This amount is entered on Line D.6. (See Appendix VIII, Example 1, subsection D.5.)

# 7. Parental Child Support Obligation (Line D.7)

The support obligation for each parent is determined by multiplying each parent's proportionate share shown on Line D.2 by the Parents' Total Support Obligation (Line D.6). The result is entered on Line D.7. (See Appendix VIII, Example 1, subsection D.6.)

# 8. <u>Adjustment for Health, Dental, Orthodontic, and Optometric</u> Premiums and Work-Related Child Care Costs (Line D.8)

If costs of Health, Dental, Orthodontic, and Optometric Premiums and/or Work-Related Child Care Costs are included in the total child support obligation, the parent or the parent's household actually making the payment is credited. The amount paid is entered in the column of the parent(s) providing the payment on Line D.8. (See Appendix VIII, Example 1, subsection D.7.)

# 9. <u>Basic Parental Child Support Obligation</u> (Line D.9)

The Basic Parental Child Support Obligation is the Parental Child Support Obligation (Line D.7) minus the Adjustment for Health, Dental, Orthodontic, and Optometric Premiums and Work-Related Child Care Costs (Line D.8) and is entered on Line D.9. The parent having primary residency retains his/her portion of the net obligation. The net obligation of the parent not having primary residency becomes the rebuttable presumption amount of the support order. (See Appendix VIII, Example 1, subsection D.8.)

# E. <u>Child Support Adjustments</u> (Section E)

Child support adjustments apply only when requested by a party. If no adjustment is requested, this section does not need to be completed. All requested adjustments are discretionary with the court. The party requesting the adjustment is responsible for proving the basis for the adjustment. The court shall determine if a requested adjustment should be granted in a particular case based upon the best interests of the child.

If granted, the court has discretion to determine the amount to be allowed as either an addition or a subtraction. The amount granted for each requested Child Support Adjustment should be entered on the appropriate line in Section E. All adjustments shall be totaled on Line E.7.

# 1. <u>Long-Distance Parenting Time Costs</u> (Line E.1)

Any substantial and reasonable long-distance transportation/communication costs directly associated with parenting time shall be considered by the court. The amount allowed, if any, should be entered on Line E.1.

# 2. <u>Parenting Time Adjustment</u> (Line E.2)

The court may allow a parenting time adjustment to a parent under the following subsections. The court may allow a parenting time adjustment in favor of the parent not having primary residency using either subsection IV.E.2.a or subsection IV.E.2.b but not both. The court may allow an Equal Parenting Time Adjustment, when the court has determined that equal parenting time is in the best interest of the minor child, pursuant to subsection IV.E.2.c. The court may allow an Extended Parenting Time Adjustment pursuant to IV.E.2.d. The court may allow a Non-Exercise of Parenting Time adjustment to the parent having primary residency pursuant to IV.E.2.e.

The parenting time adjustment, like all other adjustments, is subject to the 10% rule pursuant to Section V.A. Because the adjustment is prospective and assumes that parenting time will occur, the court may consider the historical exercise or historical non-exercise of parenting time as a factor in denying, limiting, or granting an adjustment under this section. Adjustments under this section may be prorated over twelve months unless the parent having primary residency requests otherwise. If the Shared Expense Formula (Section III, General Instructions, subsection B.7) applies, no parenting time adjustment may be made under this section.

a. Actual Cost Adjustment: The court may consider: 1) the fixed obligations of the parent having primary residency that are attributable to the child and any savings because of the time spent with the non-primary residency parent; and 2) the increased cost of additional parenting time to the parent having non-primary residency. The amount allowed should be entered on line E.2 of the child support worksheet. b. Time Formula Adjustment: The court may consider the amount of time that the parent spends with the child. If the child spends 35% or more of the child's time with the parent not having primary residency, the court shall determine whether an adjustment in child support is appropriate. In calculating the parenting time adjustment, the child's time at school or in day care shall not be considered. To assist the court, the following table may be used to calculate the amount of parenting time adjustment. The adjustment percentage should be averaged if there is more than one child and if the percentages are not the same for each child. The Basic Child Support Obligation (line D.9) is then multiplied by the appropriate Parenting Time Adjustment Percentage using the following table. The Parenting Time Adjustment Percentage and the amount is entered on Line E.2.

Nonresidential Parent's	Parenting Time				
% of Child's Time	Adjustment				
35%-39%	-5%				
40%-44%	-10%				
45%-49%	-15%				

- c. Equal Parenting Time Adjustment: In situations where the court has not approved the use of the shared expense formula (III.B.7) but has determined that equal parenting time is in the best interest of the minor child, the parent who is designated by the court to pay the child(ren)'s direct expenses shall receive child support from the other parent. The parent paying the monthly support shall receive a 20% parenting time adjustment. The percentage adjustment should be applied to Line D.9 and then entered on line E.2. This adjustment is given in recognition that the parent has the child or children in their care approximately half of the time during which they are assuming substantial additional costs and the other parent is relieved of a substantial amount of additional costs.
- d. Extended Parenting Time Adjustment: In situations where a child spends fourteen (14) or more consecutive days with the parent not having primary residency, the support amount of the parent not having primary residency from Line F.5 (calculated without a Parenting Time adjustment) may be

proportionately reduced by up to 50% of the monthly support from Line F.5. Brief parenting time with the parent having primary residency shall not be deemed to interrupt the consecutive nature of the time. The amount allowed should be entered on Line E.2.

e. Non-Exercise of Parenting Time Adjustment: The court may make an adjustment based on the historical non-exercise of parenting time as set forth in the parenting plan. The amount allowed should be entered on line E.2 of the child support worksheet.

# 3. <u>Income Tax Considerations</u> (Line E.3)

The parties are encouraged to maximize the tax benefits of the dependency exemption for a minor child and to share those actual economic benefits. If they agree to share these benefits, Section A of Appendix V shall not be used. However, Section B may still apply.

If the parties do not agree to share the actual economic benefits of the dependency exemption for a minor child or, if after agreeing the parent having primary residency refuses to execute IRS Form 8332, the court shall consider the actual economic effect to both parties and may adjust the child support.

The party seeking the Income Tax Consideration Adjustment shall have the burden of proof.

The court also may consider any other income tax impacts, regardless of an agreement upon the dependency exemption issue.

See Appendix V for additional discussion and example computations.

# 4. Special Needs (Line E.4)

Special needs of the child are items which exceed the usual and ordinary expenses incurred, such as ongoing treatment for health problems, orthodontist care, special education, or therapy costs, which are not considered elsewhere in the support order or in computations on the worksheet. The amount allowed should be entered on Line E.4.

# 5. <u>Support of Children Beyond the Age of Majority</u> (Line E.5)

If the parties have a written agreement for a parent to continue to support a child beyond the age of majority, it may be considered in setting child support.

The fact that a parent is currently supporting a child of the parties in college (or past the age of majority) may be considered if the parent having primary residency seeks to increase the child support for the benefit of any children still under the age of eighteen. The amount allowed should be entered on Line E.5.

# 6. Overall Financial Conditions of the Parties (Line E.6)

The financial situation of the parties may be reason to deviate from the calculated Basic Parental Child Support Obligation if the deviation is in the best interests of the child. The amount allowed should be entered on Line E.6.

One example might be if either party has more than one job, the circumstances requiring the additional employment should be considered. If the additional employment was historically relied upon by the parties prior to the dissolution of the relationship, then all of the income should be included in the calculation of the child support obligation. However, if the additional employment was secured after the dissolution of the relationship in an effort to meet additional financial responsibilities, consideration should be given to that circumstance, provided that the court shall keep in mind the best interest of the child. In such a situation, two worksheets can be prepared with one worksheet including all income and the other worksheet including only the primary employment to determine the margin of deviation.

# 7. Total (Line E.7)

The Total of all Child Support Adjustments allowed should be entered on Line E.7. The Total(s) specified on this line should be transferred to Line F.2. (See Appendix VIII, Example 1, subsection E.)

# F. <u>Deviation(s) From Rebuttable Presumption Amount</u> (Section F)

The final part of the worksheet shows the adjustments allowed under Section E to the Basic Parental Child Support Obligation, and any

enforcement fee charged against payments in IV-D cases and cases assigned to a court trustee for enforcement.

# 1. <u>Basic Parental Child Support Obligation</u> (Line F.1)

The amount from Line D.9 above is transferred to Line F.1.

#### 2. Total Child Support Adjustments (Line F.2)

The amount from Line E.7 above is transferred to Line F.2.

# 3. <u>Adjusted Subtotal</u> (Line F.3)

The result of adding or subtracting the Total Child Support Adjustments on Line F.2 to or from the Basic Parental Child Support Obligation is entered on Line F.3.

# 4. <u>Enforcement Fee Allowance</u> (Line F.4)

In instances where the court trustee or SRS is providing assistance in collecting child support for which a fee is charged, the fee should be divided equally between the parties. One half of the total monthly fee should be entered as an additional amount allowed on Line F.4 for the parent not having primary residency. In areas where the court trustee or SRS charge a percentage of each payment, this amount is determined by multiplying the Percentage fee charged by the court trustee or SRS by the figure on Line F.3 and then multiplying by .5 ((Line F.3 x Collection fee %) x .5). In areas where a flat fee is charged, that flat fee is multiplied by .5 to find the amount applied on Line F.4 (Monthly Flat Fee x .5). These fees may vary. (See Appendix VIII, Example 1, subsection F.1.)

# 5. <u>Net Parental Child Support Obligation</u> (Line F.5)

The Net Parental Child Support Obligation is determined by adding the Enforcement Fee Allowance (Line F.4), if any, to the Adjusted Subtotal on Line F.3. The resulting amount is entered on Line F.5 and becomes the amount of the child support order.

#### G. Payment of Child Support

1. Except for good cause shown, every order requiring payment of child support shall require that the support be paid through the state distribution unit for collection and disbursement of support

payments designated pursuant to K.S.A. 23-4,118 and amendments thereto.

- 2. A written agreement between the parties to make direct child support payments to the obligee and not pay through the state distribution unit shall constitute good cause, unless the court finds the agreement is not in the best interests of the child or children.
- 3. The obligor shall file such an agreement with the court and shall maintain written evidence of the payment of the support obligation, which shall consist of cancelled checks negotiated by the obligee or receipts signed by the obligee or evidence of direct electronic deposit in an account designated by the obligee. The obligor shall, at least annually on the date the first payment under the agreement was to be made, provide such evidence to the court and the obligee.
- 4. Each court order authorizing direct payment to the obligee shall include language requiring the obligor to comply with the above requirements for maintaining written evidence and providing it to the court and the obligee.
- 5. Failure of the obligor to maintain records or failure to make payments are grounds for immediate modification of the order to require payments to be made through the state distribution unit for collection and disbursement of support payments to K.S.A. 23-4,118 and amendments thereto.

# V. CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Courts have continuing jurisdiction to modify child support orders to advance the welfare of the child when there is a material change of circumstances. In addition to changes of circumstances which have traditionally been considered by courts, any of the following constitute a material change of circumstances to warrant judicial review of existing support orders:

A. Change of financial circumstances of the parents or the guidelines which would increase or decrease by 10% the amount shown on Line F.3 of the worksheet, except that the income from a second job taken by the parent not having primary residency shall not alone be considered a material change of circumstances to warrant a modification of the parent's child support obligation. Income from bonuses not shown to be regularly paid by the employer shall not be considered a material change of circumstances to warrant a modification of the parent's child support obligation.

An increase in the gross income of the parent having primary residency is not a material change of circumstances for the purpose of increasing the child support obligation.

A parent shall notify the other parent of any change of financial circumstances including, but not necessarily limited to, income, work-related child care costs, and health insurance premiums which, if changed, could constitute a material change of circumstances.

Upon receipt of written request for financial information, a parent shall have thirty days within which to provide the requested information in writing to the other parent. Refusal to provide the requested information may make the non-complying parent responsible for the costs and expenses, including attorney fees, incurred in obtaining the requested information.

- B. The child is in a higher age group as a result of having passed the child's 6<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> birthday or because the children's age places them in the higher age group as a result in the change in the guidelines.
- C. Emancipation of the child.
- D. Failure to comply with the terms of a positive or negative adjustment to the Basic Parental Child Support Obligation awarded by the court, such as failure to exercise parenting time or non-utilization of a special needs allocation for private schooling.

# VI. REVIEW OF GUIDELINES

Chapter 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 302.56 requires that the state guidelines for child support must be "reviewed at least every four years to ensure that their application results in the determination of appropriate child support amounts." Therefore, these Kansas guidelines shall be reviewed by the Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee no later than July 1, 2011, and at least once every four years thereafter.

### **ENDNOTES**

The Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee was initially appointed by the Supreme Court on April 7, 1989, to review the implementation of the statewide child support guidelines, solicit public input regarding the guidelines, and make recommendations to address the new federal mandates of the Family Support Act of 1988. The committee has been convened periodically to conduct a comprehensive review of the guidelines and to update the economic data. The current Advisory Committee's members are:

Date First Appointed

Hon. Thomas E. Foster, Olathe Appointed Chair, 7/1/09 District Court Judge, 10 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District	05/24/01
John T. Bird, Hays 04/07/89 Attorney	
Roy F. Brungardt, Hays Certified Public Accountant	07/06/93
Professor Linda Elrod, Topeka Washburn University School of Law	04/07/89
Charles F. Harris, Wichita Attorney	04/07/89
Dave Gregory, Wichita Parent	05/24/01
Sherri Loveland, Lawrence Attorney	04/07/89
Thomas C. Owens, Overland Park Attorney	04/07/89
Larry Rute, Topeka Associates in Dispute Resolution	04/07/89
Gary Pomeroy, Lawrence Attorney, Child Support Enforcement	07/01/05
Rep. Lana Gordon, Topeka State Representative, 52 <sup>nd</sup> District	12/27/06
Sen. Tom Holland State Senator,	07/01/09
Hon. Connie Alvey District Court Judge, 29 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District	07/01/09
Hon. Amy Harth District Court Judge, 6 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District	07/01/09

The original child support guidelines, promulgated pursuant to K.S.A. 20-165 by the Supreme Court on October 1, 1987, were proposed by the Kansas Commission on Child Support following a two-year study. See Kansas Commission on Child Support, "Proposed Kansas Child Support Guidelines," 1987 (available in Kansas Supreme Court Law Library, Topeka, Kansas). The report includes a detailed background discussion, including the policy criteria upon which the original guidelines were based.

# Past members of the Advisory Committee were:

Hon. Herbert W. Walton (Chairman), Olathe Administrative Judge, Retired, 10 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District	04/07/89-06/07/99
Allen B. Angst, Abilene Attorney, Shared Primary Residency Parent	07/06/93-06/30/00
William Coffee, Olathe District Court Trustee	07/01/97-06/30/01
Jamie Corkhill, Topeka Child Support Enforcement	09/01/96-06/30/00
Jackie Fletcher, Kansas City United Way	07/06/93-06/30/00
James L. Francisco, Wichita State Senator, 26 <sup>th</sup> District	04/07/89-06/30/92
Sen. Greta H. Goodwin, Winfield State Senator, 32 <sup>nd</sup> District	05/24/01-06/30/09
Hon. Thomas H. Graber, Wellington District Court Judge, 30 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District	04/07/89-06/30/09
Sheila Hochhauser, Manhattan State Representative, 67 <sup>th</sup> District	07/01/96-06/30/00
Dr. Woody Houseman, Topeka Principal, Highland Park South Elementary	04/07/89-06/30/96
James R. Johnston, Wichita Nonprimary Residency Parent	02/04/98-06/30/00
David Kerr, Hutchinson State Senator, 34 <sup>th</sup> District	04/07/92-06/30/96
Candace Lattin, Pratt Attorney, Child Support Enforcement	05/24/01-10/01/05
Ward Loyd, Garden City State Representative, 123 <sup>rd</sup> District	05/24/01-07/01/07
Nancy K. Meacham, Wichita Attorney, Primary Residency Parent	06/30/92-06/30/02
Hon. Paul E. Miller, Manhattan District Judge, 21 <sup>st</sup> Judicial District	04/07/89-06/30/98
Mike O'Neal, Hutchinson State Representative, 104 <sup>th</sup> District	07/19/95-06/30/99
Mark Parkinson, Olathe State Senator, 23 <sup>rd</sup> District	07/09/95-06/30/00
Hon. Nancy Parrish (Chair) District Court Judge, Topeka	07/01/97-06/30/09

Richard Staub, Topeka Santa Fe General Offices

04/07/89-06/30/96

Joan Wagnon, Topeka State Representative, 55<sup>th</sup> District 04/07/89-06/30/01

Members of the original Kansas Commission on Child Support, appointed in December 1984 by then-Governor John Carlin:

Ms. Lynn Barclay Kansas Children's Service League

Hon. James G. Beasley District Court Judge, Wichita

Ms. Peggy Browning Commission on Equal Status of Women, Wichita

Hon. James P. Buchele District Court Judge, Topeka

Professor Linda Elrod, Vice-Chairman Washburn Law School

Robert G. Frey State Senator, 125<sup>th</sup> District

Dr. Woody Houseman Topeka

Hon. Tracy D. Klinginsmith District Court Judge, Holton

Ms. Evelyn Leat Kansas City

Mr. David Litwin
Director of Taxation
Kansas Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Ms. Nancy Meacham Wichita

Vic Miller Topeka

Ms. Diane Nusbaum District Court Administrator, Junction City

Mr. Larry Rute Kansas Legal Services, Inc.

Mr. John Schneider Social & Rehabilitation Services Income Maintenance & Medical Services

Dr. Howard Schwartz Judicial Administrator Mr. Richard Staub Santa Fe Railway Company

Robert T. Stephan Attorney General

Joan Wagnon State Representative, 55<sup>th</sup> District

Hon. Herbert W. Walton, Chairman District Court Judge, Olathe

Ms. Aileen Whitfill
Policy & Program Development
Social & Rehabilitation Services

- See Linda Henry Elrod, Kansas Child Support Guidelines: An Elusive Search for Fairness in Support Orders, 27 WASHBURN. L. J. 104, 120-25 (1987). Expenditures per child are assumed to increase with increases in parents' combined income, decrease per child as the total number of children in the family increases, and increase as the child grows older.
- William T. Terrell, Ph.D., is a consultant in private practice. Prior to his retirement, he served as an Associate Professor of Economics at Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas. For an explanation of Dr. Terrell's economic model, see W.T. Terrell, "Expenditures on Children for Child Support: Economist as Policy Advisor" (paper presented to the Eastern Economic Association at Baltimore, Maryland, March 1989) (available in Kansas Supreme Court Law Library, Topeka, Kansas). See also Kansas Commission on Child Support; supra note 1, at 13-15.
- At the time of the review, Ann Coulson, Ph.D., held a position as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. The following sources were used to update the model: Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Consumer Expenditure Survey Series: Interview Survey, 1986-87* (1989); U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, <a href="Household After-Tax Income: 1986">Household After-Tax Income: 1986</a>, ser. P-23, No. 157 (1989); U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, <a href="Updated Estimates of the Cost of Raising a Child">Updated Estimates of the Cost of Raising a Child</a>, <a href="Femily Economics Review">Feonomics Review</a>, No. 2 (May 1989). <a href="See Letter from Dr. Ann Coulson to Hon. Herbert Walton">Jenson Vallender Walton</a>, <a href="Femily February">February 21</a>, 1990, at 1, 3 (available in Kansas Supreme Court Law Library, Topeka, Kansas).</a>

Adjustments were made to the national expenditure data to avoid double-counting certain expenditures, such as health care, health insurance, and child care services. Because social security was considered [as] a tax in the initial stage of the development of the schedule, the category of social security and pension plan contributions was also excluded so that the expenditure would not be counted twice. Additionally, the Committee excluded a number of expenditures considered to be discretionary or not attributable to children. Expenditures thus excluded were for alcoholic beverages, tobacco, vacation homes, boarding costs for children away at school, and cash contributions.

- See Child Support Guidelines Committee Report dated November 1993. Ann Coulson, Ph.D. prepared a description of the derivation of the 1993 child support schedules.
- The 2002 support schedule relies upon three data sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1999-2000* (integrated diary and interview components); United States Department of Agriculture, Mark Lino, Ph.D., *Expenditures on Children by Families: 2001 Annual Report;* United States Department of Health and Human Services, *The 2002 HHS Poverty Guidelines*, 67 (31) FED. REGISTER, (Feb. 14, 2002).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Jodi Messer Pelkowski, Ph.D, is an Associate Professor of Economics and a Barton Fellow at the Barton School of Business, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas.

- See Terrell, supra note 3, at 7; Letter from Dr. Ann Coulson to Hon. Herbert Walton, February 21, 1990. supra note 4, at 2.
- Consumption spending means household outlays for consumer goods and services as opposed to the purchase of assets or savings accounts.
- This reduction involves subtracting the age 16-18 child's share of a total family burden at two points on the equation that relates average spending per the age 16-18 child to gross family income. Once the two lower points are determined, then the entire equation is reduced in order to compute the support schedules. For example, the one child aged 16-18 family calls for a reduction of \$182 at the poverty level income of \$1,300. Hence, the poverty level average spending of \$430 becomes the schedule entry of \$248. Similarly, at an income of \$14,500 per month, average spending of \$2,322 per child declines by \$336 to the support amount of \$1,986 (not shown in the schedule). The tabled values derive from an equation that passes through these two diminished values.
- <sup>11</sup> The terms "custodial" and "noncustodial" have been removed from the guidelines and replaced with the terms "having primary residency" and "not having primary residency." This brings the Kansas Child Support Guidelines into conformity with K.S.A. 60-1610 *et seq.*

# **Child Support Worksheet**

	IN	THE		JL COUN	IDICIAL DISTR NTY, KANSAS	ICT	
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**Mul	Itiple Family Application?			_Yes	No		

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8	3. Ådjustn (Subtra	nent for Insurance and Child Ca ct for actual payment made for	are (-)		
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# Child Support Schedules

ONE CHILD FAMILIES: CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE

Dollars Per Month Per Child											
Combined Support Amount (\$ Per Child)			Combined Support Amount (\$ Per Child)			er Child)	Combined Support Amount (\$ Per Child)			er Child)	
Gross	<b>5</b> ,			Gross	Age Group			Gross	Age Group		
Monthly	Age	Age	Age	Monthly	Age	Age	Age	Monthly	Age	Age	Age
Income	0-5	6-11	12-18	Income	0-5	6-11	12-18	Income	0-5	6-11	12-18
50	8	9	10	2400	342	387	450	6700	803	908	1056
100	16	18	21	2500	354	401	466	6800	813	920	1069
150	23	27	31	2600	366	414	481	6900	823	931	1082
200	31	35	41	2700	377	427	497	7000	832	942	1095
250	39	44	51	2800	389	440	512	7200	852	964	1121
300	47	53	62	2900	401	453	527	7400	872	986	1147
350	55	62	72	3000	412	466	542	7600	891	1008	1173
400	63	71	82	3100	423	479	557	7800	911	1030	1198
450	70	80	93	3200	435	492	572	8000	930	1052	1224
500	78	88	103	3300	446	505	587	8200	949	1074	1249
550	86	97	113	3400	457	517	601	8400	968	1096	1274
600	94	106	123	3500	468	530	616	8600	988	1117	1299
650	102	115	134	3600	479	542	631	8800	1007	1139	1324
700	109	124	144	3700	490	555	645	9000	1025	1160	1349
750	117	133	154	3800	501	567	660	9200	1044	1182	1374
800	125	142	165	3900	512	580	674	9400	1063	1203	1399
850	133	150	175	4000	523	592	688	9600	1082	1224	1424
900	141	159	185	4100	534	604	703	9800	1101	1245	1448
950	149	168	195	4200	545	616	717	10000	1119	1266	1473
1000	156	177	206	4300	555	629	731	10200	1138	1287	1497
1050	164	186	216	4400	566	641	745	10400	1156	1308	1521
1100	172	195	226	4500	577	653	759	10600	1175	1329	1546
1150	180	203	237	4600	587	665	773	10800	1193	1350	1570
1200	188	212	247	4700	598	677	787	11000	1211	1371	1594
1250	195	221	257	4800	609	689	801	11200	1230	1391	1618
1300	203	230	267	4900	619	701	815	11400	1248	1412	1642
1350	210	238	276	5000	630	712	828	11600	1266	1433	1666
1400	217	245	285	5100	640	724	842	11800	1284	1453	1690
1450	223	253	294	5200	650	736	856	12000	1302	1473	1713
1500	230	260	303	5300	661	748	869	12200	1320	1494	1737
1550	237	268	311	5400	671	759	883	12400	1338	1514	1761
1600	243	275	320	5500	681	771	897	12600	1356	1534	1784
1650	250	282	328	5600	692	783	910	12800	1374	1554	1808
1700	256	290	337	5700	702	794	924	13000	1392	1575	1831
1750	263	297	346	5800 5000	712	806	937	13200	1409	1595	1854
1800	269	304	354	5900 6000	722	817	950 064	13400	1427	1615	1878
1850	276	312	363	6000	732	829	964	13600	1445	1635	1901
1900	282	319	371	6100 6200	743	840	977	13800	1462	1655	1924
1950	288	326	379	6200 6300	753 763	852	990	14000	1480	1675 1604	1947
2000 2100	294	333	387	6300 6400	763 773	863 874	1004 1017	14200 14400	1497 1515	1694 1714	1970
2100	306 318	347 360	403 419		773 783	87 <del>4</del> 886	1017		1515	1714	1993 2014
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2300	330	374	435	6600	793	897	1043				

<sup>\* 2006</sup> Poverty Level is \$1400.

To determine child support at higher income levels:

Age 12-18: Raise income to the power .695770313 and multiply the result by 2.550826591.

Age 6-11: Determine child support for Age 12-18 and then multiply by 0.86.

Age 0-5: Determine child support for Age 12-18 and then multiply by 0.76.

# TWO CHILD FAMILIES: CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE Dollars Per Month Per Child

Combined	Support	Amount (\$	Per Child)	Combined	Support	: Amount (	Per Child)	Combined	Support	Amount (\$	Per Child)
Gross		Age Group	)	Gross		Age Grou	p	Gross		Age Grou	ıp
Monthly	Age	Age	Age	Monthly	Age	Age	Age	Monthly	Age	Age	Age
Income	0-5	6-11	12-18	Income	0-5	6-11	12-18	Income	0-5	6-11	12-18
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50	6	6	8	2400	257	291	338	6700	593	671	780
100	11	13	15	2500	265	300	349	6800	600	679	789
150	17	19	23	2600	274	310	361	6900	607	687	799
200	23	26	30	2700	283	320	372	7000	614	695	808
250	29	32	38	2800	291	329	383	7200	628	711	827
300	34	39	45	2900	300	339	394	7400	643	727	845
350	40	45	53	3000	308	349	405	7600	657	743	864
400	46	52	60	3100	316	358	416	7800	671	759	882
450	51	58	68	3200	325	367	427	8000	685	775	901
500	57	65	75	3300	333	377	438	8200	699	790	919
550	63	71	83	3400	341	386	449	8400	712	806	937
600	68	77	90	3500	349	395	459	8600	726	822	955
650	74	84	98	3600	357	404	470	8800	740	837	974
700	80	90	105	3700	365	413	481	9000	754	853	992
750	86	97	113	3800	373	422	491	9200	767	868	1009
800	91	103	120	3900	381	432	502	9400	781	883	1027
850	97	110	128	4000	389	441	512	9600	794	899	1045
900	103	116	135	4100	397	449	523	9800	808	914	1063
950	108	123	143	4200	405	458	533	10000	821	929	1080
1000	114	129	150	4300	413	467	543	10200	834	944	1098
1050	120	136	158	4400	421	476	554	10400	848	959	1115
1100	125	142	165	4500	428	485	564	10600	861	974	1133
1150	131	148	173	4600	436	494	574	10800	874	989	1150
1200	137	155	180	4700	444	502	584	11000	887	1004	1168
1250	143	161	188	4800	452	511	594	11200	900	1019	1185
1300	148	168	195	4900	459	520	604	11400	914	1034	1202
1350	154	174	203	5000 5400	467	528 527	614 624	11600	927	1048	1219
1400	160 165	181	210 218	5100 5200	474 482	537 545	634	11800	940	1063 1078	1236 1253
1450 1500	165	187 194		5200	_	545 554		12000	953	1076	1253
1550	171 177	200	225 233	5300 5400	490 497	554 562	644 654	12200 12400	965 978	11092	1270
1600	183	207	233	5500	505	502 571	664	12400	991	1107	1304
1650	188	217	248	5600	512	579	674	12800	1004	1136	1304
1700	194	219	255	5700	512	588	684	13000	1017	1150	1338
1750	199	225	261	5800	527	596	693	13200	1017	1165	1354
1800	203	230	267	5900	534	605	703	13400	1029	1179	1371
1850	208	235	273	6000	542	613	713	13600	1055	1179	1388
1900	212	240	279	6100	549	621	722	13800	1067	1208	1404
1950	217	245	285	6200	556	629	732	14000	1087	1222	1421
2000	221	250	291	6300	564	638	742	14200	1092	1236	1437
2100	230	261	303	6400	571	646	751	14400	1105	1250	1454
2200	239	271	315	6500	578	654	761	14600	1117	1263	1469
2300	248	281	326	6600	585	662	770			00	

<sup>\* 2006</sup> Poverty Level is \$1700.

To determine child support at higher income levels:

Age 12-18: Raise income to the power .695770313 and multiply the result by 1.860522203.

Age 6-11: Determine child support for Age 12-18 and then multiply by 0.86.

Age 0-5: Determine child support for Age 12-18 and then multiply by 0.76.

#### THREE CHILD FAMILIES: CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE Dollars Per Month Per Child Combined Combined Support Amount (\$ Per Child) Combined Support Amount (\$ Per Child) Support Amount (\$ Per Child) Gross Gross Gross Age Group Age Group Age Group Monthly Age Monthly Age Monthly Age Age Age Age Age Age Age Income 0-5 6-11 12-18 Income 0-5 6-11 12-18 Income 0-5 6-11 12-18

To determine child support at higher income levels:

<sup>\* 2006</sup> Poverty Level is \$1950.

Age 12-18: Raise income to the power .695770313 and multiply the result by 1.667143786.

Age 6-11: Determine child support for Age 12-18 and then multiply by 0.86.

Age 0-5: Determine child support for Age 12-18 and then multiply by 0.76.

#### FOUR CHILD FAMILIES: CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE Dollars Per Month Per Child Combined Combined Support Amount (\$ Per Child) Combined Support Amount (\$ Per Child) Support Amount (\$ Per Child) Gross Gross Gross Age Group Age Group Age Group Monthly Monthly Monthly Age Age Age Age Age Age Age Age Age Income 0-5 6-11 12-18 Income 0-5 6-11 12-18 Income 0-5 6-11 12-18

To determine child support at higher income levels:

Age 12-18: Raise income to the power .695770313 and multiply the result by 1.431024709.

Age 6-11: Determine child support for Age 12-18 and then multiply by 0.86.

Age 0-5: Determine child support for Age 12-18 and then multiply by 0.76.

<sup>\* 2006</sup> Poverty Level is \$2250.

FIVE CHILD FAMILIES: CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE

Dollars Per Month Per Child

				Dollars F	er Month						
Combined	Support	Amount (\$ I		Combined	Support		Per Child)	Combined	Support		\$ Per Child)
Gross		Age Group		Gross		Age Grou		Gross		Age Gro	
Monthly	Age	Age	Age	Monthly	Age	Age	Age	Monthly	Age	Age	Age
Income	0-5	6-11	12-18	Income	0-5	6-11	12-18	Income	0-5	6-11	12-18
50	4	4	5	2400	174	197	229	6700	405	459	533
100	7	8	10	2500	181	205	238	6800	410	464	540
150	11	12	14	2600	188	212	247	6900	415	470	546
200	14	16	19	2700	193	219	255	7000	420	475	553
250	18	20	24	2800	199	225	262	7200	430	486	566
300	22	25	29	2900	205	232	270	7400	440	497	578
350	25	29	33	3000	211	239	277	7600	449	508	591
400	29	33	38	3100	216	245	285	7800	459	519	604
450	33	37	43	3200	222	251	292	8000	468	530	616
500	36	41	48	3300	228	258	300	8200	478	541	629
550	40	45	52	3400	233	264	307	8400	487	551	641
600	43	49	57	3500	239	270	314	8600	497	562	654
650	47	53	62	3600	245	277	322	8800	506	573	666
700	51	57	67	3700	250	283	329	9000	516	583	678
750	54	61	71	3800	256	289	336	9200	525	594	691
800	58	66	76	3900	261	295	343	9400	534	604	703
850	62	70	81	4000	266	301	351	9600	543	615	715
900	65	74	86	4100	272	308	358	9800	553	625	727
950	69	78	91	4200	277	314	365	10000	562	636	739
1000	72	82	95	4300	283	320	372	10200	571	646	751
1050	76	86	100	4400	288	326	379	10400	580	656	763
1100	80	90	105	4500	293	332	386	10600	589	666	775
1150	83	94	110	4600	299	338	393	10800	598	677	787
1200	87	98	114	4700	304	344	400	11000	607	687	799
1250	91	102	119	4800	309	350	407	11200	616	697	811
1300	94	107	124	4900	314	356	413	11400	625	707	822
1350	98	111	129	5000	319	362	420	11600	634	717	834
1400	101	115	133	5100	325	367	427	11800	643	727	846
1450	105	119	138	5200	330	373	434	12000	652	737	857
1500	109	123	143	5300	335	379	441	12200	660	747	869
1550	112	127	148	5400	340	385	448	12400	669	757	881
1600	116	131	152	5500	345	391	454	12600	678	767	892
1650	119	135	157	5600	350	396	461	12800	687	777	904
1700	123	139	162	5700	355	402	468	13000	695	787	915
1750	127	143	167	5800	360	408	474	13200	704	797	927
1800	130	147	172	5900	366	414	481	13400	713	807	938
1850	134	152	176	6000	371	419	488	13600	721	816	949
1900	138	156	181	6100	376	425	494	13800	730	826	961
1950	141	160	186	6200	381	431	501	14000	739	836	972
2000	145	164	191	6300	386	436	507	14200	747	846	983
2100	152	172	200	6400	391	442	514	14400	756	855	995
2200	159	180	210	6500	396	448	520	14600	764	864	1005
2300	167	188	219	6600	400	453	527	17000	70-	00-	1000
2300	107	100	219	0000	400	400	527				

<sup>\* 2006</sup> Poverty Level is \$2550.

To determine child support at higher income levels:

Age 12-18: Raise income to the power .695770313 and multiply the result by 1.272628844.

Age 6-11: Determine child support for Age 12-18 and then multiply by 0.86.

Age 0-5: Determine child support for Age 12-18 and then multiply by 0.76.

#### SIX CHILD FAMILIES: CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE Dollars Per Month Per Child Support Amount (\$ Per Child) Combined Combined Support Amount (\$ Per Child) Combined Support Amount (\$ Per Child) Gross Gross Gross Age Group Age Group Age Group Monthly Age Monthly Age Monthly Age Age Age Age Age Age Age Income 0-5 12-18 Income 0-5 12-18 Income 0-5 12-18 6-11 6-11 6-11

To determine child support at higher income levels:

<sup>\* 2006</sup> Poverty Level is \$2800.

Age 12-18: Raise income to the power .695770313 and multiply the result by 1.15773874.

Age 6-11: Determine child support for Age 12-18 and then multiply by 0.86.

Age 0-5: Determine child suport for Age 12-18 and then multiply by 0.76.

## **APPENDIX III**

## Domestic Relations Affidavit

	IN T	HE	JUDICIAL DISTRICT _ COUNTY, KANSAS	
IN TH	HE MATTER OF	)		
	and	) ) ) ) )		Case No
DOM	ESTIC RELATIONS AFFI	DAVIT OF	(name)	
1.	Mother's Residence			
	Mother's	Birth Month/Year	XXX-XX Social Security Number	Telephone
2.	Father's Residence			
	Father's	Birth Month/Year	XXX-XX Social Security Number	Telephone
3.	Date of Marriage:		<u></u>	
4.	Number of Marriages:	Mother	 Father	
5.	Number of children of t	he relationship:		
6.	Names, Social Security children of the relations		and year of each child's birth	n and ages of minor
	Name	Social Security N XXX-XX		Age Custodian
		_		

Name	e Se	Social curity No.			-	or Rec'd
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F	ather is employed					
			(Name and a	ddress of	employer)	
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V	/age Earner			Mothe	r Fat	ther
1	. Gross Inco	me		\$	\$	
2				\$	\$	
3	. Subtotal Gi	oss Income		\$	\$	
4	. Federal Wi	thholding		\$	\$	
		exemptions)				
5		ome Tax		\$	\$	
6				\$	\$	
7.				\$	\$	
8				\$	\$ <u></u>	
9	. Net Income	)		\$	\$	
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1	. Gross Inco					
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2				\$	\$	
3		oss Income		\$	\$	
4		e Business Expens	ses	\$	\$	
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		NACTOCE				

9. The liquid assets of the parties are: Joint or Individual Item Amount (Specify) A. Checking Accounts (Do not list account numbers): B. Savings Accounts (Do not list account numbers): C. Cash Mother Father D. Other 10. The monthly expenses of each party are: (Please indicate with an asterisk all figures which are estimates rather than actual figures taken from records.) A. Mother Father Item (Actual or Estimated) (Actual or Estimated) 1. Rent (if applicable)\* 2. Food 3. Utilities/services: Trash Service Newspaper \$ Telephone Mobile Phone Cable Gas Water Lights Other 4. Insurance: Life Health \$ Car \$ House/Rental Other Medical and dental 5. 6. Prescriptions drugs 7. Child care (work-related) 8. Child care (non-work-related) Clothing 9. School expenses 10. \$ 11. Hair cuts and beauty \$

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Car repair

Gas and oil

Personal property tax

12.

13.

14.

15	5. Miscel	laneous (Specify	() 		\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	
16	6. Debt P	ayments (Speci	fy)			
			\$\$\$ \$\$ \$\$\$\$_		\$ \$ \$	
		Total	\$_		\$	
*Show hou	use payment	s, mortgage pay	ments, etc., in S	ection 10.B.		
es	timated mon	ents to banks, loa etary amount in TS INCLUDED I	each column, us	se asterisk fo		
Creditor	When Incurred	Amount of Payment	Date of Last Payment	Balance	Re: Mother	sponsibility Father
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	_			\$	\$	\$
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			Subtotal of Pag Total	yments	\$ \$	\$ \$
C. Total Livin	a Evnenses				•	v
O. Total Living	g Expenses		(Actua	Mother al or Estimat	ed) (Actual o	Father or Estimated)
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2.		ed	\$		\$	
3.		No. 10.A and B) ce	\$		\$	
4.		child support	\$		\$	

Item

Mother

(Actual or Estimated)

Father

(Actual or Estimated)

	D.	Payments or contributions receive amount.	/ed, or paid, for support of othe	ers. Specify source and
		Source(+/-)(+/-)(+/-)	Mother \$ \$ \$ \$	Father \$ \$ \$ \$
11.	\$ How	much does the party who provides per much does it cost the provider to fu		
		IE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IF		
12.	Incon	ne and financial resources of childre Income/Resources		Amount \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
13.	Child	support adjustments requested.		
	Parer Incon Spec Supp	Distance Parenting Time Costs  Inting Time Adjustments Interpretations Interpretations Interpretations Interpretations Interpretations Interpretation Interp	Mother  \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Father  \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
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			\$ \$ \$	

## THE FOLLOWING NEED NOT BE FURNISHED IN POST JUDGMENT PROCEDURES.

15.	List real proper value.	ty identified a	or individual) a	and actual or estimated		
	Property Descr	iption	Own	ership	Ac	ctual/Estimated Value
16.	Identify the pro			of the parties pr	ior to marriage	e or acquired during
	Property Descr	ription	Ownership		rce of ership	Actual/ Estimated Value
17.	to name or nam	nes of obligor				.B above, identified as at which payable; and
Debt Obligat		Obligor	Obligee	Balance Due	Payment Rate	Encumbered Property

Health Insurance		COBRA Continuation				
		Yes	No	Unknown		
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		<u>AFFIANT</u>				
		<u>/s/</u>				
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	<u>VERIFI</u>	<u>CATION</u>				
State of		, County of				
I swear or affirm under penal complete.	ty of perjury that	this affidavit and	attached sch	edules are true		
/s/						
Subscribed and sworn this _						
	/s/	<u> </u>				
	Notary Public	ent Expires:				

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## Interstate Pay Differential

Adjustments for differences in interstate pay in various locations are computed using the state average weekly pay. This appendix provides a table for the second quarter of 2006, average weekly wages by state. In calculating the Interstate Pay Differential, use the most recent schedule from the web page. Updates for this information are distributed quarterly and can be obtained by going to the Internet address for the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics: http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cewqtr.t04.htm

The average weekly pay table reports the average weekly wage for all workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance (UI). Employers subject to federal and state unemployment law report pay information quarterly to the Department of Labor. Payroll data includes wages, bonuses, cash value meals and lodging when supplied, tips and other gratuities, and in some states, employer contribution to certain deferred compensation plans, such as 401(k) plans and stock options. Employment and wage data reported by the Department of Labor is classified in accordance with the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual. This classification manual is updated every three years.

To compute the Interstate Pay Differential, you develop a value by dividing the average weekly wage in Kansas (KS) by the average weekly wage of the new state. Average weekly wages for each state are found in the table attached to this appendix and may be higher or lower than the Kansas average weekly wage.

#### **EXAMPLE ONE:**

Using the Interstate Pay Differential, a parent living in Alaska and earning \$3,000.00 per month would have a gross monthly income for Kansas child support purposes of:

To get the correct multiplier, divide the Kansas weekly wage by the non-Kansas weekly wage and then multiply by the non-residential parent's monthly income.

Kansas weekly average \$662.00 ÷ Alaska weekly average \$798.00 = .8296.

\$3,000.00

x .8296

\$2,488.80 Kansas value as adjusted by Interstate Pay Differential

## **EXAMPLE TWO:**

Using the Interstate Pay Differential, a parent in Idaho earning \$3,000.00 per month would have a gross monthly income for Kansas child support purposes of:

To get the correct multiplier, divide the Kansas weekly wage by the non-Kansas weekly wage and then multiply by the non-residential parent's monthly income.

Kansas weekly wage \$662.00 ÷ \$613.00 for Idaho weekly wage =1.079

\$3,000.00

x1.079

\$3,237.00 Kansas value as adjusted by the Interstate Pay Differential

The income modified to a Kansas value is entered on line A.1 or B.1 of the Child Support Worksheet.

Table 1
National and State Average Weekly Pay and Differential of each state's Average Weekly
Pay Compared to Kansas Average Weekly Pay
Source: http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cewqtr.t04.htm

State	Average Weekly 2006	Differential compared to Kansas 2006
United States	\$784	
Alabama	682	1.03
Alaska	798	1.21
Arizona	753	1.14
Arkansas	603	0.91
California	892	1.35
Colorado	819	1.24
Connecticut	957	1.45
Delaware	850	1.28
District of Columbia	1307	1.97
Florida	713	1.08
Georgia	752	1.14
Hawaii	722	1.09
Idaho	613	0.93
Illinois	831	1.26
Indiana	687	1.04
lowa	641	0.97
Kansas	662	1.00
Kentucky	656	0.99
Louisiana	683	1.03
Maine	636	0.96
Maryland	858	1.30
Massachusetts	950	1.44
Michigan	790	1.19
Minnesota	784	1.18
Mississippi	585	0.88
Missouri	691	1.04
Montana	581	0.88
Nebraska	633	0.96
Nevada	751	1.13
New Hampshire	774	1.17

New Jersey       931       1.41         New Mexico       654       0.99         New York       950       1.44	
1.44	
North Carolina 700 1.06	
North Dakota 589 0.89	
Ohio 725 1.10	
Oklahoma 633 0.96	
Oregon 719 1.09	
Pennsylvania 768 1.16	
Rhode Island 763 1.15	
South Carolina 642 0.97	
South Dakota 571 0.86	
Tennessee 698 1.05	
Texas 786 1.19	
Utah 660 1.00	
Vermont 672 1.02	
Virginia 815 1.23	
Washington 823 1.24	
West Virginia 599 0.90	
Wisconsin 687 1.04	
Wyoming 706 1.07	
Puerto Rico 439 0.66	
Virgin Islands 692 1.05	

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 $Table\ 2$  Covered  $^{(1)}$  establishments, employment, and wages by state, third quarter 2006  $^{(2)}$ 

		Employ	ment	Average We	eekly Wage <sup>3</sup>
State	Establishments Third Quarter 2006 (Thousands)	September 2006 (Thousands)	Percent change, September 2005-06	Average Weekly Wage	Percent change, third quarter 2005-06
United States (4)	8,841.2	134,988.9	1.5	\$784	0.9
Alabama	117.3	1,938.9	1.6	682	1.9
Alaska	21.1	324.8	1.4	798	.1
Arizona	150.6	2,629.0	4.2	753	1.1
Arkansas	81.9	1,183.9	1.5	603	.7
California	1,270.4	15,655.0	1.5	892	.6
Colorado	176.9	2,260.1	2.2	819	1.4
Connecticut	111.9	1,680.7	1.6	957	9
Delaware	30.2	424.6	0.5	850	3.4
District of			_		
Columbia	32.0	674.2	.7	1,307	3.6
Florida	588.1	7,941.7	1.9	713	.7
Georgia	264.5	4,039.3	2.0	752	.5
Hawaii	37.4	621.2	2.3	722	1.1
Idaho	55.3	661.2	4.1	613	1.3
Illinois	350.2	5,883.6	1.1	831	.7
Indiana	155.4	2,922.7	.3	687	3
lowa	92.8	1,480.7	1.2	641	.0
Kansas	85.6	1,347.3	2.4	662	.6
Kentucky	110.7	1,795.1	.9	656	.6
Louisiana	122.5	1,835.7	3.7	683	7.1
Maine	49.4	610.2	.6	636	.8
Maryland	161.5	2,545.0	.7	858	.5
Massachusetts	208.8	3,228.1	.9	950	.3
Michigan	261.0	4,278.9	-1.8	790	.3
Minnesota	165.5	2,685.1	.0	784 595	6
Mississippi	69.1	1,134.3	2.9	585	2.1
Missouri	172.1	2,725.1	1.1	691	.0
Montana	41.4	434.4	2.3	581	3.0
Nebraska	57.8	906.9	1.1	633	.0
Nevada	72.4	1,287.6	3.7	751 774	.0
New Hampshire	48.9	634.9	.6	774	
New Jersey	279.8 52.6	3,984.7	.7	931	.3
New Mexico New York		826.1	4.4	654	4.0
North Carolina	573.2 241.5	8,471.7	.8 1.8	950 700	1.1
North Dakota	241.5	3,982.6 342.2	2.0	589	1.6
Ohio	24.7			725	.3
		5,350.9	1		
Oklahoma	97.3	1,517.6	2.2	633	3.3
Oregon	128.6	1,729.2	2.7	719	.7
Pennsylvania	335.9	5,644.8	.8	768	.5

Rhode Island	36.0	490.8	.8	763	3.7
South Carolina	132.4	1,866.0	1.8	642	1.1
South Dakota	29.8	389.6	2.1	571	.7
Tennessee	137.1	2,761.1	1.4	698	1.2
Texas	536.7	10,019.0	3.6	786	2.5
Utah	88.1	1,188.7	4.8	660	2.0
Vermont	24.7	305.8	.6	672	1.4
Virginia	220.0	3,649.5	1.0	815	1
Washington	214.5	2,911.9	3.3	823	2.7
West Virginia	48.2	711.8	1.2	599	1.7
Wisconsin	161.8	2,800.8	.5	687	.1
Wyoming	24.1	274.1	4.6	706	10.0
Puerto Rico	60.6	1,020.9	-1.9	439	1.2
Virgin Islands	3.4	43.2	-2.0	692	12.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes workers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) programs.

<sup>2</sup> Data are preliminary.

<sup>3</sup> Average weekly wages were calculated using unrounded data.

<sup>4</sup> Totals for the United States do not include data for Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

## **Income Tax Considerations**

## Section A - Dependent's Exemption And Child Tax Credit

Throughout this appendix, the term "custodial" and "noncustodial" parents are used to comply with tax law. In all other sections in the Kansas Child Support Guidelines, these terms have been updated to comply with the current Kansas law.

## Section A.I – Dependent's Exemption

Generally, the parent with the higher income will benefit more from the tax exemption. The parties should be encouraged to maximize tax benefits and adjust child support equitably.

The party requesting the Income Tax Consideration Adjustment shall have the burden of proof. The amount should be entered on Line E.3.

If the parties share or alternate the income tax exemption, then Section A should not be used. If the custodial parent elects not to share or alternate the income tax exemption for the minor child by executing IRS Form 8332 or a substantially similar form, the court shall consider the actual economic effect of the failure to share the exemption on the noncustodial parent and may adjust the noncustodial parent's monthly child support accordingly.

The following discussion and example reflects 2006 tax laws.

For 2006, the federal income tax exemption was \$3,300 per person and the Kansas exemption was \$2,250. The value of the exemption to the noncustodial parent may be calculated by multiplying the applicable exemption amount by the noncustodial parent's applicable highest marginal rate at both the federal and Kansas levels. The combined federal and Kansas amount should be divided by 12 to arrive at the monthly amount. A portion of this amount would then be allocated to the noncustodial parent based upon his/her share of the combined income (Line D.2.).

Example: A noncustodial parent has one minor child and has an Adjusted Gross Income in 2006 of \$22,750 and assumes the noncustodial parent is in a 15% marginal federal income tax rate and a 6.25% Kansas marginal income tax rate. Accordingly, if the

custodial parent will not alternate the exemption, the calculation for the value of the exemption would be calculated as \$3,300 x .15 for the federal amount and \$2,250 x .0625 for the Kansas rate. The resulting total, \$636, would be divided by 12 to arrive at the monthly value of \$53, which should then be multiplied by 68% (the noncustodial parent's share of the combined income) producing an adjustment to the guideline child support of a monthly credit of \$36 to the noncustodial parent.

## Section A.II – Federal Child Tax Credit

Federal income tax law allows a tax credit for parents with a dependent child under the age of 17 on the last day of the tax year. The credit in 2006 is \$1,000 for each qualifying child. The credit is only available for a child 16 or younger on the last day of the tax year in question. If the child turns 17 on or before December 31, no tax credit may be claimed as a dependent.

If the right to claim a qualifying child as a dependent is not shared between the parents, the monthly value of the tax credit should be included in the Income Tax Considerations adjustment.

For 2006, the monthly value of the tax credit is  $$1,000 \div 12$  for each qualifying child, or \$83. If the right to claim the child as a dependent (and the credit) is not shared between the parents, then the noncustodial parent's monthly child support should be decreased by the proportionate share of the combined income on Line D.2 of the Child Support Worksheet (increased if the noncustodian claims the child as a dependent) in addition to any other Income Tax Adjustment amounts.

## <u>Section B – Head of Household Adjustment</u>

If the custodial parent utilizes the standard deduction and files as head of household, a tax benefit results to the custodial parent that, absent custody of the child, might not otherwise be available. Such tax benefit received by the custodial parent can be measured by the difference in the standard deduction for head of household over the standard deduction for a single taxpayer multiplied by the applicable marginal federal and state income tax rates. In addition, the custodial parent is given an additional exemption at the Kansas level due to filing as a head of household. The benefit of the additional exemption is calculated by multiplying the custodial parent's marginal Kansas income tax rate by the Kansas exemption amount. The total of the standard deduction and additional exemption benefits should be divided by 12 to arrive at the monthly amount. If the court decides it is

appropriate to share the tax benefits of this deduction, the noncustodial parent's credit should not exceed his/her proportionate share of the combined income on Line D.2 of the Child Support Worksheet.

Example: A custodial parent has one minor child and has an Adjusted Gross Income in 2006 of \$22,750 and assumes the custodial parent is in a 15% marginal federal income tax rate and a 3.5% marginal Kansas income tax rate. The difference in the Federal standard deduction for head of household over that for a single taxpayer is \$2,400 (\$7,550 - \$5,150 = \$2,400). This difference multiplied by the custodial parent's federal marginal income tax rate of 15% results in an income tax benefit of \$360. The difference in the Kansas standard deduction for head of household over that for a single taxpayer is 1,500 (4,500 - 3,000 = 1,500). This difference multiplied by the custodial parent's marginal Kansas income tax rate of 3.5% results in a benefit of \$53. for a combined federal and Kansas standard deduction benefit of \$413. Because the custodial parent filed as head of household, the parent was allowed an additional Kansas exemption of \$2,250, for an income tax benefit of \$79 (\$2,250  $\times$  .035 = \$79). The total income tax benefit for filing as head of household is thus \$492. The noncustodial parent's proportionate share of the combined income is 68% and this percentage should be applied to the head of household tax benefit ( $$492 \times .68 = $335$ ). This amount is divided by 12 to arrive at a monthly credit of \$28.

The combined benefits allowed for the dependent's exemption (Section A, if applicable) and head of household status (Section B) should be combined with any other pertinent income tax considerations and entered on Line E.3 as a negative adjustment for the noncustodial parent.

## <u>Section C – Additional Information</u>

The above listed guidelines reflect tax law for 2006. Amounts of exemptions, deductions, and credits, as well as tax law itself will change. Current tax law should be consulted for implementation of and relevance to these guidelines.

The following pages reflect current Federal and Kansas income tax factors. Additionally, a sample Tax Considerations Worksheet is included in this appendix.

## Federal Income Tax Factors

Income Tax Brackets	<u>Taxable</u>	Income	<u>200</u>	<u>)8</u>	2009	<u>2010</u>
• Single	\$ 0 to 0 to 0 to 8,026 to	\$ 8,025 8,350 8,375 32,550	10 <sup>9</sup>		10%	10%
	8,351 to 8,376 to 32,551 to	33,950 34,000 78,850	25		15	15
	33,951 to 34,001 to 78,851 to	82,250 82,400 164,550	28		25	25
	82,251 to 82,401 to	171,550 171,850			28	28
Head of Household	0 to 0 to 0 to	11,450 11,950 11,950	10		10	10
	11,451 to 11,951 to 11,951 to	43,650 45,500 45,550	15		15	15
	43,651 to 45,501 to 45,551 to	112,650 117,450 117,650	25	;	25	25
	112,651 to 117,451 to 117,651 to	182,400 190,200 190,550	28	}	28	28
Married Filing Joint	0 to 0 to 0 to	16,050 16,700 16,750	10	)	10	10
	16,051 to 16,701 to 16,751 to	65,100 67,900 68,000	15	;	15	15
	65,101 to 67,901 to 68,001 to	131,450 137,050 137,300	25	;	25	25
	131,451 to 137,051 to 137,301 to	200,300 208,850 209,250	28	}	28	28
Married Filing Separate	0 to 0 to	8,025 8,350	10	)	10	
	0 to 8,026 to 8,351 to	8,375 32,550 33,950	15	5	15	10
	8,376 to 32,551 to 33,951 to	34,000 65,725 68,525	25	5	25	15
	34,001 to 65,726 to 68,526 to 68,651 to	68,650 100,150 104,425 104,625	28	}	28	25 28
Note: Tax brackets for higher incor						20
Standard Deduction						
<ul><li>Single</li><li>Head of Household</li><li>Married Filing Joint</li><li>Married Filing Separate</li></ul>			8 10	,450 ,000 ,900 ,450	\$ 5,700 8,350 11,400 5,700	\$ 5,700 8,400 11,400 5,700
Personal/Dependent Exemption			3	,500	3,650	3,650
Dependent Child Tax Credit			1	,000	1,000	1,000

## Kansas Income Tax Factors

## **Income Tax Brackets**

	Tax	able Inco	me	
Single, Head of Household and	\$ 0	to	\$ 15,000	3.5%
Married Filing Separate	15,001 30,001	to to	30,000 No Limit	6.25 6.45
Married Filing Joint	0 30,001 60,001	to to to	30,000 60,000 No Limit	3.5% 6.25 6.45
Standard Deduction • Single and Married Filing Separate			\$ 3,000	
<ul><li>Head of Household</li><li>Married Filing Joint</li></ul>			\$ 4,500 \$ 6,000	
Personal/Dependent Exemption *			\$ 2,250	

<sup>\*</sup> Head of household entitled to additional exemption

## Sample Worksheet

## TAX CONSIDERATIONS - 2006

### Section

#### A.I Tax Exemptions

#### A.II Additional Tax Credit

#### B. Head of Household

- (1) Use noncustodial parent's marginal tax rate.
- (2) Use custodial parent's marginal tax rate.
- (3) Noncustodial parent's percentage from Line D2 of Child Support Worksheet.

### ILLUSTRATION OF NARRATIVE AND EXAMPLES CONTAINED IN SECTIONS A AND B

#### Section

#### A.I **Tax Exemptions**

(Federal) 
$$3,300 \times .15 = 495$$
  
(State)  $2,250 \times .0625 = 141$   
 $\underline{636} \times 68\% = 432 \div 12 = 36$  per month x # of children = 36

A.II Additional Tax Credit

$$1,000 \div 12 = 83 \times 68\% = 56$$
 per month X # of qualifying children =  $56$ 

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B. Head of Household

## Cafeteria Plans and Salary Reduction Agreements

### A. General Definition

Under salary reduction agreements, an employee can take advantage of tax deferral through 401(k) or 403(b) plans or by receiving tax-free benefits through a cafeteria plan. Under 401(k) and 403(b) plans, amounts reducing salary are invested in selected investments or annuities for future retirement. Under a cafeteria plan, an employer offers a set of fringe benefits from which participating employees may select. The cafeteria plan can be funded with employer contributions, employee contributions (usually through salary reduction agreements), or a combination of both. The cafeteria plan results in a lower taxable income to the employee where contributions to the plan are from pre-tax income through salary reduction agreements. Qualified benefits which may be offered under a cafeteria plan include:

- 1. Coverage under an accident or health plan to the extent that the coverage is excludable from income under Code Section 106.
- 2. Group term life insurance coverage that is excludable from gross income under Code Section 79.
- 3. Dependent care assistance programs under Code Section 129.
- Qualified cash or deferred arrangements.
- 5. Adoption assistance programs that meet the requirements of Code Section 137.
- 6. Qualified group legal services plans.

## B. Application to the Guidelines

The gross income of the wage earner, regardless of whether it is taxable or nontaxable, is to be used to compute child support payments. Additionally, costs pertinent to child support computations (child care, health insurance premiums, etc.) that were withheld on a pre-tax basis from the employee's salary would also be considered. Benefits paid by the employer that are truly the company's expenses and not a reduction of the employee's gross income would be ignored.

## Completed Sample Child Support Worksheet

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## Examples and Scenarios for Preparing the Child Support Worksheet

These specific examples and scenarios are provided to further explain Section III, General Instructions and Section IV, Specific Instructions for the Worksheet. The examples in this Appendix follow the sample worksheet found in Appendix VII.

## EXAMPLE 1. Section IV. Specific Instructions for the Worksheet

A. <u>Income Computation -- Wage Earner</u> (Section A)

**Scenario 1**: Mother earns a minimum wage and has a Domestic Gross Income of \$893 per month.

B. <u>Income Computation -- Self-Employed</u> (Section B)

<u>Scenario 2</u>: Father is self-employed and has a Self Employment Gross Income of \$3,000 per month. Reasonable Business Expenses for Father are documented at \$1,232. Father's Domestic Gross Income is \$1,768 (\$3,000-\$1,232 = \$1,768).

C. Adjustments to Domestic Gross Income (Section C)

<u>Child Support Income</u> (Line C.5)

1. <u>Child Support Income</u> (Line D.1)

Child Support Income from Line C.5 should be transferred to Line D.1

**Scenario 3**: Neither Father nor Mother has any adjustments to the Domestic Gross Income. Therefore, the Child Support Income for Father is \$1,768 and is \$893 for Mother.

- D. <u>Computation of Child Support</u> (Section D)
  - 1. <u>Proportionate Shares of Combined Income</u> (Line D.2)

Scenario 4: Father earns \$1,768 Child Support Income per month. Mother earns \$893 Child Support Income per month. Their Combined Child Support Income is \$2,661. Father's proportionate share of the Combined Child Support Income is \$1,768 divided by \$2,661 or 66.5%. Mother's proportionate share of the Combined Child Support Income is \$893 divided by \$2,661 or 33.5%.

## 2. Gross Child Support Obligation (Line D.3)

The following is a scenario for determining the gross support obligation on Line D.3 of the worksheet.

<u>Scenario 5</u>: The parents above have two children, ages 6 years, 7 months and 3 years, 10 months. In using the "Two-Child Families" schedule, \$2,661 is found in the left-hand column. Under the first column for the four-year-old, \$283 is identified, and in the next column for the seven-year-old, \$320 is identified. These two amounts are added together to find the total Gross Child Support Obligation of \$603 per month.

The following are two Multiple-Family Adjustment scenarios for determining the gross support obligation on Line D.3 of the worksheet.

**Scenario 6**: The Father with two children in the above example remarries and has a one-year-old child by the subsequent marriage.

The Child Support Schedule for "Three-Child Families" should be used. At \$2,661 combined income of the parties, the amounts \$253 and \$287 are found and the sum of \$540 is entered on Line D.3.

Scenario 7: The Father with two children in the above scenario remarries twice and has a one-year-old child by the second marriage and a two-month-old child by the third marriage. The Child Support Schedule for "Four-Child Families" should be used. At \$2,661 combined income of the parties, the amounts \$218 and \$246 are found and the sum of \$464 is entered on Line D.3.

The following is a Divided Residency scenario for determining the gross support obligation on Line D.3 of the worksheet.

Scenario 8: The Father in the above scenario has primary residency of the older child, six years and seven months. The Mother has primary residency of the younger child, three years and ten months. The Child Support Schedule for "One-Child Families" should be used for calculating the support for each household. At \$2,661 combined income of the parties, the worksheet for the Father to pay support to the Mother would show \$377 at Line D.3. The worksheet for the Mother's obligation for the older child would show \$427 at Line D.3. Without considering any other factors besides income in this scenario and after the remaining calculations are carried through, the Father would pay the Mother \$377 for the younger child. The Mother would pay the Father \$427 for the older child. The net result is that the Mother would pay the Father \$50 per month.

## 3. <u>Health and Dental Insurance Premium</u> (Line D.4)

**Scenario 9**: Father has a single-coverage policy. To add the children would cost an additional \$125 a month. Therefore, \$125 would be entered in Father's column and as the total on Line D.4 of the Worksheet.

## 4. Work-Related Child Care Costs (Line D.5)

Table 1 (Applicable for Tax Years Beginning in 2003)

Adju <u>Gross</u>	sted Income	Applicable Percentage	Maximum Monthly Credit <u>One Child</u>	Maximum Monthly Credit Two or More <u>Children</u>
OVER	BUT NOT OVER			
\$ 0	\$15,000	35%	\$87.50	\$175.00
15,000	17,000	34%	85.00	170.00
17,000	19,000	33%	82.50	165.00
19,000	21,000	32%	80.00	160.00
21,000	23,000	31%	77.50	155.00
23,000	25,000	30%	75.00	150.00
25,000	27,000	29%	72.50	145.00
27,000	29,000	28%	70.00	140.00
29,000	31,000	27%	67.50	135.00
31,000	33,000	26%	65.00	130.00
33,000	35,000	25%	62.50	125.00
35,000	37,000	24%	60.00	120.00
37,000	39,000	23%	57.50	115.00
39,000	41,000	22%	55.00	110.00
41,000	43,000	21%	52.50	105.00
43,000	No Limit	20%	50.00	100.00

The applicable percentages may vary from year to year. Current tax law should be consulted for the current applicable percentages. See IRS Form 2441 and instructions for details.

<u>Scenario 10</u>: Child care is needed for the preschool child. The cost of the child care is \$200 per month. Mother pays for the costs of the child care and has an annual Adjusted Gross Income of \$10,716.

The applicable percentage for the federal child care credit is 35% from table one above. The percentage is applied to the monthly child care costs (\$200 x .35 = \$70). The resulting amount is then multiplied by 25% to obtain a Kansas child care credit of \$18 (\$70 x .25 = \$18). As such, \$88 (\$70 + \$18 = \$88) is subtracted from the monthly child care costs (\$200 - \$88 = \$112). The result of \$112 would be entered in the parent's column and as the total on Line D.5 of the worksheet.

The formula for computing the allowed work-related child care cost is as follows:

Amt. = Monthly child care costs

% = Applicable percentage of federal child care credit

5. Parents' Total Child Support Obligation (Line D.6)

<u>Scenario 11</u>: The Parents' Total Child Support Obligation is obtained by adding the \$603 Basic Child Support Obligation (Line D.3) from Scenario 5 plus \$125 in Health and Dental Insurance Premium (Line D.4) and \$112 in Work-Related Child Care Costs (Line D.5). The Parents' Total Child Support Obligation is \$840 per month.

## 6. Parental Child Support Obligation (Line D.7)

Scenario 12: On Line D.2 Father had 66.5% of the Combined Child Support Income and Mother had 33.5%. Therefore, Father's obligation is \$559 (.665 x \$840). Mother's obligation is \$281 (.335 x \$840).

## 7. <u>Adjustments for Health and Dental Insurance Premiums and Work-</u> Related Child Care Costs (Line D.8)

Scenario 13: Father pays \$125 per month for health insurance. Therefore, \$125 should be subtracted from Father's child support obligation of \$559 to make a net obligation of \$434. Mother pays \$112 per month child care costs. Therefore, \$112 should be subtracted from her child support obligation of \$281 to make a net obligation of \$169.

## 8. <u>Basic Parent Child Support Obligation</u> (Line D.9)

**Scenario 14**: Mother has primary residency. Therefore, Father's basic child support obligation is \$435 and Mother's basic child support obligation is \$170 before adjustments or enforcement fees are considered.

## E. <u>Child Support Adjustments</u> (Section E)

## 1. Total (Line E.7)

<u>Scenario 15</u>: Neither Father nor Mother is claiming any Child Support Adjustments. Therefore, the Total for each parent is zero.

## F. <u>Deviation(s) From Rebuttable Presumption Amount</u> (Section F)

## 1. Enforcement Fee Allowance (Line F.4)

Scenario 16: The court trustee deducts 4% per month from the amount paid by the parent having nonprimary residency before distributing the payment to the parent having primary residency. Multiply the amount on Line F.3 by the applicable percentage (4%). Multiply the result by .5 to divide the fee into two equal parts and enter this amount on line F.4 for each parent. Add lines F.3 and F.4 to arrive at the net child support obligation which is entered on line F.5.

<u>Scenario 17</u>: The court trustee fee is set at \$4.00 per month. Multiply the fee by .5 (\$4.00 x .5 = \$2.00), round the figure to the nearest whole dollar and add the amount, \$2.00, to the column for the parent having nonprimary residency on Line F.4.

## EXAMPLE 2. Section III. General Instructions

## A. <u>Income Beyond The Child Support Schedule</u>

Instructions for calculating the child support formula for one child, age 12-18, at higher income levels:

In order to calculate the formula, a calculator with an exponential function is needed. The exponential function will be marked  $y^x$ . The exponential key raises y to the power of x. The "Power" function on Microsoft Excel spreadsheets can also be used. Using the Insert, Function option on the main toolbar; choose the category Math & Trig; then select Power on the function list. Enter the appropriate monthly income and power (.695770313) and then multiply the result by the multiplier found in the appropriate Child Support Table in Appendix II.

For example, the formula for a one child family is:

Income<sup>0.695770313</sup> X 2.550826591

If monthly income is \$12,000, enter the following on the calculator:

Step 1 -	Enter "12000"
•	
Step 2 -	Hit the "y <sup>x"</sup> key
Step 3 -	Enter ".695770313"
Step 4 -	Hit the multiplication key "X"
Step 5 -	Enter "2.550826591"
Step 6 -	Hit the equal key "="
Step 7 -	The calculated amount is \$1,758
	If the child is between 16 and 18:
Step 8 -	If the child is 6-11, multiply \$1,758 by .86, or
	If the child is 0-5, multiply \$1,758 by .76

If using the Power function on a spreadsheet, calculate the result of the Power function then multiply that result by 2.550826591 then multiply that result by the appropriate age category multiplier. If monthly income is \$12,000 follow these steps using the Power function, displayed as "=POWER(number,power)," available in Excel or other spreadsheet:

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Step 1 - =POWER(12000,0.695770313) = $689

Step 2 - =(689*2.550826591) = $1,758

Step 3 - If child is 6-11 = ($1,758*.86)

If child is 0-5 = ($1,758*.76)
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This calculation is a per child calculation and should be added to the appropriate line of section D.3 of the Child Support Worksheet. Therefore, the amounts for each child should be added together to arrive at the total child support amount pursuant to Section V, Subsection D.3.

## Military Pay and Allowances

The military pay system is complex and multi-faceted. The following is a brief glossary of some regularly received types of military pay that may be considered for the purpose of calculating child support. Information about military pay and allowances can be found at: <a href="http://www.military.com/benefits/military-pay">http://www.military.com/benefits/military-pay</a>.

## **Basic Pay**

The amount of basic pay is determined by the length of time in service and rank.

## **Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS)**

BAS is a non-taxable allowance for food and is paid when a service member serves on active duty. An enlisted member may, under certain circumstances, receive a commutation (commuted rations) when performing inactive duty training.

## **Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)**

BAH is the non-taxable allowance for housing which replaces BAQ (Basic Allowance for Quarters) and VHA (Variable Housing Allowance). BAH increases with rank and varies by location. The BAH with-dependent rate goes to service members with at least one dependent, but does not increase with additional family members. BAH is intended to provide partial compensation for the cost of housing while serving on active duty. BAH is used to compensate a service member when serving on active duty for more than 139 days or for service members serving in support of a contingency operation (i.e. Kosovo).

## **BAH-II**

BAH-II is the equivalent to what used to be the Basic Allowance for Quarters and does not vary by geographic location. BAH-II is used to compensate individuals when serving on active duty less than 139 days, not in conjunction with a contingency operation.

## **Inactive Duty Training (IDT) Pay**

This is peacetime duty and is commonly referred to as "drill pay." The amount earned for each drill equals 1/30<sup>th</sup> of the monthly basic pay rate for the service member's rank and years of service.

## Incentive or Special Pays

Many service members are eligible for additional special pay for a wide variety of skills or duties. This is in addition to basic pay or IDT pay. Examples of incentive or special pay include *Aviation Career Incentive Pay* (for pilots, navigators, crew members, and flight surgeons), *Hazardous Duty Pay* (parachuting, demolitions work, carrier flight deck operations, etc.), and *Hostile Fire/Imminent Danger Pay* (for service members serving within an officially declared hostile/imminent danger zone). Other examples of incentive or special pays are related to duty associated with diving, sea duty, submarine duty, foreign language proficiency, and healthcare professionals. All basic pay and incentive pay is taxable. These special pays are authorized under Title 37, U.S. Code.

## **Family Separation Allowance**

Family Separation Allowances are paid monthly when a service member is ordered to active duty away from permanent duty station in excess of 30 days, but not exceeding 20 weeks. Pay is only paid to service members with dependents.

### Other Allowances

The military provides other smaller allowances to help cover the cost of new uniforms and official travel.

**Travel:** The government pays for official travel when a service member is required to perform temporary duty away from his/her permanent duty site, with some restrictions. The type of transportation must be the least expensive option that is timely and appropriate.

Clothing and Uniform: The military replaces enlisted members' worn-out uniforms with new clothing items or may provide a cash allowance if clothing is not provided. Officers receive an initial allowance of not more than \$400 and can receive a supplemental allowance each time they serve on active duty for more than 90 days unless it is within two years of receiving their initial clothing allowance or an allowance if an officer entered on that tour within two years of completing a period of active duty of more than 90 days. Service members are allowed to list on tax form 2016 (Employee Business Expenses) all non-reimbursed uniform expenses to include maintenance, repair, or alterations of uniforms.

## **Direct Deposit of Pay and Allowances**

Pay and allowances are sent to the service member's designated financial institution account via electronic funds transfer. Direct deposit is mandatory.

### **Taxes**

Federal income and social security taxes are automatically withheld from basic, special, and incentive pays, inactive training pay, and funeral honors duty stipend. Allowances such as BAS and BAH are exempt. Service members on active duty pay state income tax only to their state of legal residence regardless of where they are serving.

#### Travel

- If a service member is required to stay away from his/her personal place of residence overnight while performing authorized drills (IDTs) and training duty (AT/ADT), he or she may deduct all of the cost of the travel expenses including meals, subject to a limitation of 50%, and lodging (if it is not furnished).
- There are many times when Guard and Reserve members are required to drive to the Reserve Center at dates and times other than normal drills. Service members are entitled to deduct round-trip mileage since the travel was performed in order to meet higher authority directives. It is important to keep a log of any additional trips and miles. They can be reported for tax purposes (under Employee Business Expenses) with complete information including name, rank, unit attached, brief description of position and duties assigned, number of drills attended, pay/non-pay, and the number of miles from the member's business location to the Reserve Center.

## **Special Tax Treatment**

Service in the Armed Forces may cause a service member to incur expenses for which reimbursement is not allowed. The service member may, however, be allowed to deduct such expenses for income tax purposes. Whether these deductions are similarly allowable under the Child Support Guidelines should be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

## Example Plans for Sharing Direct Expenses

## Sample 1

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in addition to the monetary child support as required by the shared expense formula, that they will share the following direct expenses of the minor child:

- A. The purchase of school clothing shall be done jointly by the Petitioner and the Respondent during the month of August. The parties agree that they will each be responsible for one-half of the cost of school clothing.
- B. The parties further agree that they will shop for the children's summer clothes during April or May. Each party shall be responsible for one-half of the cost of the children's summer clothing.
- C. The parties further agree that they are each free to buy additional clothing for the minor children at any time at their own expense. The parties agree that clothing shall be permitted to pass back and forth between households.
- D. The parties further agree to share the cost of school enrollment, books, and supplies on an equal basis.
- E. School lunches shall be prepaid for each of the minor children with each parent paying half of the cost directly to the school.
- F. The parties agree to share the cost of any field trips on an equal basis. Each party shall be responsible for making the payments directly to the school.
- G. The parties agree that the child may be involved in extracurricular activities with the consent of the other parent. They further agree that the cost of such agreed activity, including any uniforms or equipment, shall be shared on an equal basis.
- H. The parties agree that failure to make their respective contributions for the direct expenses of the children may result in termination of the shared child support formula, attorney fees, or other sanctions.
- I. This arrangement is deemed to be in the best interest of the minor children.

## Sample 2

- A. Each party shall pay for the clothing and related items for the child that will be used and kept at each party's respective residence. The parties shall, within a reasonable degree, attempt to segregate and return any clothing that was purchased by the other party when the child wears the same to the other party's residence upon exchanging custody as herein provided. Should either party desire to purchase an article of clothing which would be shared between the parties' residences, the party shall notify the other party of the intended purchase of the article and price range thereof prior to the purchase thereof in writing and shall attempt to reach an amicable solution to the splitting of the costs thereof with the other party. If no solution can be reached, then the purchase of such article of clothing shall be based upon a reasonable standard.
- B. The parties agree that the child may be involved in extracurricular activities with the consent of the other parent. They further agree that the cost of such agreed activity, including any uniforms or equipment, shall be shared on an equal basis.
- C. The parties shall each pay one-half of the following direct expenses of the child:
  - 1. Any clothing needed for the child's special events, (which shall include, but not be limited to, prom dresses, sports uniforms, scout uniforms) so long as the expenditure for such clothing is reasonable and discussed with the other party prior to the purchase thereof;
  - Any school-related expenses which are not included in the child's regular tuition and fees, as long as such expenses are reasonable and discussed with the other party prior to the expenditure thereof; and
  - 3. Any direct expenses unrelated to school but relating to education, so long as such expenses are reasonable and discussed with the other party prior to the expenditure thereof.
  - 4. The term "direct expenses" as used herein includes only those items included in this paragraph, including any subparts. In the event that either of the parties wish to incur what they believe to be additional direct expenses of the child, they should follow the procedure for splitting the reasonable cost thereof with the other party by the method specified in paragraph a, above.
- D. At the end of each quarter of the calendar year, or at any time mutually agreed upon by the parties, the parties shall present to each other their

respective expenditures for direct expenses of the minor child in the form of receipts for purchases thereof and cancelled checks or other form of payment. After totaling the amount of expenditures for each party, the party with the lower amount of expenditures shall reimburse the other party one-half of the difference within thirty (30) days. Failure of one party to submit any such direct expenses to the other party by use of this method for a period of 120 days following the expenditure shall extinguish any right of reimbursement from the non-participating party in such expense.

- E. Failure of either party to pay their respective share of the child's direct expenses as they become due may be considered a basis for terminating the shared residency formula, attorney fees, or other sanctions.
- F. This arrangement is deemed to be in the best interest of the minor children.

## Sample 3

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as part of the shared expense formula of the parties, the parties shall share the direct expenses of the minor children, as follows:

- A. The Petitioner shall be responsible for all school expenses, school lunches, tuition, enrollment, and all extra curricular activity expenses, including all school activity clothing and equipment;
- B. the Respondent shall be responsible for the cost of the children's clothing, haircuts, makeup, and personal items;
- C. the parties shall permit clothing to pass between households on a reasonable basis;
- D. this arrangement is deemed to be in the best interest of the minor children.

## Sample 4

- A. The parties agree to share the reasonable direct expenses of the children pursuant to the Kansas Child Support Guidelines.
- B. The parties agree that the historical direct expenses of the minor children are as follows:
  - 1. School related expenses
    - a. Tuition
    - b. Fees

- c. Testing costs of standardized college admission testing
- d. School lunches

## 2. Extracurricular activities

- a. Pom pon Squad
- b. Softball
- c. Dance lessons
- d. Young Life camp
- e. Scouts

## Clothing

- a. Day to day/school (Each party agrees to provide a minimum of \$200 worth of clothing for each child per quarter and that the clothing shall pass back and forth between households.)
- b. Pom pon uniforms

## 4. Transportation

- a. Fuel (Father and mother agree to provide up to \$50 per month fuel for child's car.)
- b. Maintenance (Father and mother agree to share equally the maintenance on the child's car; any expenses that are likely to cost more than one hundred dollars shall be discussed before being incurred; the party not incurring the expense shall have the right to obtain a second estimate before the expense is incurred.)
- c. Mother shall carry the child on her auto insurance; father shall reimburse the mother one-half of the additional cost of carrying the child.

## 5. College

- a. Visits (Each parent may elect to take the children on college visits at their own cost.)
- b. Post graduation costs (Each parent shall contribute to college expenses as they deem appropriate.)
- 6. Haircuts, makeup, manicures and personal items: Mother and father each agree to provide up to \$75.00 per quarter for children's haircuts, makeup, manicures, and personal items.
- 7. The parents shall maintain a record of their expenditures on direct expenses of the children in the form of receipts.

  Reimbursement/balancing of accounts: if necessary, the mother

and father shall exchange expense information each quarter by the 15th of the month following the quarter. Necessary payment to equalize shall be within 30 days of the exchange of expenses. In the event that the balance is less than \$100, no payment is necessary.

## Sample 5

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in addition to the monetary child support as required by the shared expense formula arrangement, the parties shall share the following expenses:

- a. The Petitioner shall purchase the regular clothing for the minor children which shall go back and forth between households.
- b. The Respondent shall pay all of the school expenses, including fees, tuition, school lunch, field trips, books and supplies.
- c. The parties shall each pay one-half of the following direct expenses of the children:
  - 1) Any clothing needed for the child's special events, (which shall include, but not be limited to, scouts, prom, sports) so long as the expenditure for such clothing is reasonable and discussed with the other party prior to the purchase thereof.
  - The parties shall each pay one-half of any direct expenses of the child unrelated to school but relating to the education, health or fitness, so long as such expenses are reasonable and discussed with the other party prior to the expenditure thereof, i.e. band instruments, portable calculator, etc.
- d. This expense sharing plan is in the best interest of the minor children.
- e. Failure to share expenses pursuant to the foregoing formula may result in a reversion to a conventional child support formula with parenting time credit.

## Sample 6

Examples of common expenses that may be shared include but are not limited to:

- 1. School Related Expenses
  - a. Tuition
  - b. Fees
  - c. Testing costs of standardized college admission testing
  - d. School lunches
  - e. Field Trips
- 2. Extracurricular activities
  - a. Pageants
  - b. Musical instruments
  - c. Sports
  - d. Dance lessons
  - e. Camp
- 3. Clothing
  - a. Day to day school
  - b. School uniforms
  - c. Sports uniforms
- 4. Transportation
  - a. Fuel for child's car
  - b. Maintenance for child's car
  - c. Insurance for child's car
- 5. Personal Grooming
  - a. Haircuts/Styling
  - b. Manicures
  - c. Makeup
- 6. Miscellaneous
  - a. Cell phone
  - b. High speed internet access

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