

**Form FOC 10 / 52
or Form FOC 10a / 52a**

UNIFORM CHILD SUPPORT ORDER

Use this form if:

- you had a hearing on your Motion Regarding Support (form FOC 50) and both you and the other party (and a third party) agree to sign the order without another hearing; or
- you had a hearing on your Motion Regarding Support (form FOC 50) and the other party (and a third party) will not sign the order; or
- you and the other party (and a third party) have agreed on the support and want the court to sign your proposed order without having to file a motion and attend a hearing on the motion.

Form FOC 10 / 52 or FOC 10a / 52a is also to be used along with Form FOC 89.

ORDER CHECKLIST

Use the following checklist to make sure you have done all the steps that are needed.

DID YOU . . .

1. Fill out all requested information on the form? YES
2. Make all necessary copies? YES
3. Get the judge's signature? (NOTE: See pages 3-5 for details) YES
4. Return to the clerk's office with **all** copies of the signed order? YES
5. Make sure the clerk stamps all copies of the signed order? YES
6. Keep one copy of the signed order for yourself? YES
7. Mail (serve) a copy of the order on the other party and on any other custodian/guardian after it was stamped by the clerk? YES
8. Give two copies of the completed form to the clerk of the court? YES

If you cannot answer "yes" to all the above steps, you do not have a valid order.

By using this form packet you are representing yourself in a court action regarding support. In order to receive the action you seek, you must follow the instructions in this packet. If you fail to do even one of the required steps, the order you get from the court may not give you the support you want. **Note:** Regardless of the amount of support you ask for, the court is required to use the child support formula in deciding what support should be, unless the court finds that using the formula would be unjust or inappropriate. If you filed the motion form FOC 50, you are responsible for preparing the order even if it is not what you asked for.

If you have any questions about any steps in the process, refer to pages 3 through 5 of this booklet for details.

What instructions are in this packet:

Pages 3 and 4 - Instructions for getting a stipulated (mutually agreed upon) order signed.

Page 5 - Instructions for getting an order signed after a hearing.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GETTING A STIPULATED (MUTALLY AGREED UPON) ORDER SIGNED (When both parties have signed the order without a hearing)

»» SIGNING AND FILING ORDER

NOTE: A hearing on a stipulated order is not necessary unless the judge requests it.

1. Fill out the order form.

Use the instructions on page 6. Be careful not to make mistakes.

Make at least five copies of the form after you have filled it out.

2. Approval by friend of the court.

In some courts the order has to be approved by the friend of the court before the judge will sign it. Contact the friend of the court office and ask if the order must be approved by the friend of the court. Then complete either step a or b below.

- a. If the order must be approved by the friend of the court, go to the friend of the court office with the original and five copies of the order. Leave the order with the office. Someone from the office should tell you when to come back for the order or should call you when the order has been approved. If you do not hear from the office within 5 days, call the office to find out when to pick up the order. Go back and pick up the order. Then complete step 3 below.
- b. If the order does not need to be approved by the friend of the court, complete step 3 below.

3. Get the order to the judge and get signed copies.

Since the other party or third party has signed the order, contact the clerk of the court for instructions to get the order signed by the judge. Listen carefully to all the instructions for getting the order signed. Every circuit has a different way of handling the signing of orders. Ask how to get at least four copies of the order after it is signed by the judge.

»» **SERVING THE ORDER ON THE OTHER PARTY OR PARTIES**

1. Serve the signed order on the other party.

The other party must be served with (notified of) one copy of the signed order.

NOTE: Serve the papers by mailing them to the other party by first-class mail.

What you need for service:

One copy of FOC 10 / 52 or FOC 10a / 52a - for the other party

Two copies of FOC 10 / 52 or FOC 10a / 52a - for proof of service

Any additional copies of FOC 10 / 52 or FOC 10a / 52a - for other custodian or guardian if there is someone other than the other parent who has care or custody of the child(ren)

Mail one copy to the other party. If there is a custodian or guardian, mail one copy to them. Then fill out the Certificate of Mailing on the front of the remaining three copies. Keep one copy for your own records.

2. Return to the county clerk.

Once you have mailed the order and filled out the Certificate of Mailing on the remaining three copies, return to the county clerk's office with two copies. Remember to keep one copy for your own records. The clerk will deliver one copy to the friend of the court.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GETTING THE ORDER SIGNED AFTER A HEARING

»» SIGNING AND FILING AN ORDER

1. Fill out the order form.

Normally you will fill out the order at the hearing on the motion. Use the instructions on page 6. Be careful not to make mistakes.

Make copies of the form based on the instructions on page 3 of either this booklet or the booklets for forms FOC 53 or FOC 54, depending on your situation.

2. Approval by friend of the court.

In some courts the order has to be approved by the friend of the court before the judge will sign it. Call the friend of the court office and ask if the order must be approved by the friend of the court. Then complete either step a or b below.

- a. If the order must be approved by the friend of the court, go to the friend of the court office with the original and five copies of the order. Leave the order with the office. Someone from the office should tell you when to come back for the order or should call you when the order has been approved. If you do not hear from the office within 5 days, call the office to find out when to pick up the order. Go back and pick up the order. Then complete step 3 below.
- b. If the order does not need to be approved by the friend of the court, complete step 3 below.

3. Get the order signed by the judge.

After you have filled out the order, you must have it signed by the judge. If both you and the other party sign the order to show you both approve the order, then go to pages 3 and 4 of this booklet for further instructions on getting the order signed by the judge. Otherwise you must do either of the following:

- a. Schedule and attend a hearing to get the order signed.
(Use packet for form FOC 53, Notice of Hearing to Enter Order.)
- b. Notify the other party in writing that the order will be given to the judge to sign and that he or she has 7 days to file any written objections. If no objections are filed by the other party, the order can be signed.
(Use packet for form FOC 54, Notice to Enter Order without Hearing.)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING "UNIFORM CHILD SUPPORT ORDER"

Please print neatly. After filling in the form, you will need to make copies.

All items must be completed before the order can be given to the judge for his/her signature. Then fill in the correct information for each item on the form.

Before you fill in the Case No., get your copy of the Motion (form FOC 50 or form FOC 87) or your court papers for divorce, separate maintenance, paternity, or family support. Copy the Case No. from that paper onto both pages of this form.

Also use the motion or other court papers to fill in the "Plaintiff" and "Defendant" boxes. Copy the names from the motion or other court papers onto both pages of this form. For example, if your name is in the box that says "plaintiff," then you should write your name in the "plaintiff" box on this order form.

If there was a hearing, fill in the information based on what the judge or referee ordered at the hearing on the motion. If you and the other party are stipulating to the order, you have both agreed on what you want the court to order and have not filed a motion. Since there may not be a hearing, you must fill in exactly what you agree on. Make sure you include everything you agreed on. Anything that you do not write down on this form will not be ordered even if you and the other party had agreed on it.

If you filed a motion (form FOC 50 or form FOC 87) and the other party has agreed to sign the order without a hearing to enter the order, both you and the other party must sign the order. If the other party will not sign the order without a hearing to enter the order, follow the directions on scheduling a hearing in the booklet for form FOC 53, Notice of Hearing to Enter Order.

If you and the other party are stipulating to the order, you both must sign the order.

Some courts require the friend of the court to approve the order before the judge will sign it. To find out if this is required, contact the friend of the court office. If it is required, see either page 3 or 5 of this booklet for directions on getting the friend of the court's approval.

To find out how to get the order signed, see either page 3 or 5 of this booklet for details.

On the date you serve a copy on the other party, write in the date and sign your name on the remaining three copies. Return to the county clerk with two copies.

You must read this booklet and other publications, such as the Michigan Child Support Formula Manual and the Friend of the Court Handbook, for assistance with the legal process.

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY	UNIFORM CHILD SUPPORT ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> EX PARTE <input type="checkbox"/> TEMPORARY <input type="checkbox"/> MODIFICATION <input type="checkbox"/> FINAL	CASE NO. and JUDGE
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Court address _____ Court telephone no. _____

Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone no.	v	Defendant's name, address, and telephone no.
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.		Defendant's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
Plaintiff's source of income name, address, and telephone no.		Defendant's source of income name, address, and telephone no.

- This order is entered after hearing. after statutory review. on stipulation/consent of the parties.
- The friend of the court recommends child support be ordered as follows.
- If you disagree with this recommendation, you must file a written objection with _____ on or before **21 days** from the date this order is mailed. If you do not object, this proposed order will be presented to the court for entry.
- Attached are the calculations pursuant to MCL 552.505(1)(h) and MCL 552.517b.

IT IS ORDERED, unless otherwise ordered in item 11 or 12:
 Standard provisions have been modified (see item 11 or 12).

1. The children who are supported under this order and the payer and payee are:

Payer:	Payee:
Children's names and annual overnights with payer:	
Children's names	Overnights

Effective _____, the payer shall pay a monthly child support obligation for the children named above.

1. **Item 1** (continued).

Children supported:	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 children	5 or more children
Base Support: (includes support plus or minus premium adjustment for health-care insurance)					
Support:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Premium adjust:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Subtotal:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ordinary medical:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Child care:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Benefit credit:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Support was reduced because payer's income was reduced.

Uninsured Health-Care Expenses. All uninsured health-care expenses exceeding the annual ordinary medical amount will be paid _____ % by the plaintiff and _____ % by the defendant. Uninsured expenses exceeding the annual ordinary medical amount for the year they are incurred that are not paid within 28 days of a written payment request may be enforced by the friend of the court. The annual ordinary medical amount is _____.

Obligation Ends. Except for child care, or as otherwise ordered, support obligations for each child end on the last day of the month the child turns age 18.

Post-majority Support: The following children will be attending high school on a full-time basis after turning 18 years of age. Therefore, the support obligation for each specific child ends on the last day of the month as follows, except in no case may it extend beyond the time the child reaches 19 years and 6 months of age:
(Specify name of child and date obligation ends.)

Child Care. The parties must notify each other of changes in child-care expenses and must additionally notify the friend of the court if the changes end those expenses. The child-care obligation for each child ends on August 31 following the child's 12th birthday, at which time the total child care obligation reduces by that child's pro rata share unless specified differently in this order.

2. **Health-Care Coverage.** For the benefit of the children, the plaintiff defendant shall maintain health-care coverage (as defined in MCL 552.602) that includes payment for hospital, dental, optical, and other health-care expenses when that coverage is accessible to the child and available at a reasonable cost. The reasonable cost is the parent's net cost of adding the children to the parent's coverage
 up to a maximum of \$ _____ for plaintiff. up to a maximum of \$ _____ for defendant.
 not to exceed 6% of the plaintiff's/defendant's gross income.
3. **Income Withholding.** Income withholding takes immediate effect. Payments shall be made through the Michigan State Disbursement Unit unless otherwise ordered in item 12.
4. **Qualified Medical Support Order.** This order is a qualified medical support order with immediate effect pursuant to 29 USC 1169. To qualify this order, the friend of the court shall issue a notice to enroll pursuant to MCL 552.626b. A parent may contest the notice by requesting a review or hearing concerning availability of health care at a reasonable cost.
5. **Retroactive Modification, Surcharge for Past-Due Support, and Liens for Unpaid Support.** Except as provided by MCL 552.603, support is a judgment the date it is due and is not modifiable retroactively. A surcharge may be added to past-due support. Unpaid support is a lien by operation of law and the payer's property can be encumbered or seized if an arrearage accrues in an amount greater than the periodic support payments payable for two months under the payer's support order.

6. **Address, Employment Status, Health Insurance.** Both parties shall notify the friend of the court in writing of: a) their mailing and residential addresses and telephone numbers; b) the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of their sources of income; c) their health-maintenance or insurance companies, insurance coverage, persons insured, or contract numbers; d) their occupational or driver's licenses; and e) their social security numbers unless exempt by law pursuant to MCL 552.603. Both parties shall notify the friend of the court in writing within 21 days of any change in this information. Failure to do so may result in a fee being imposed.

7. **Foster-Care Assignment.** When a child is placed in foster care, that child's support is assigned to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services while under the state's jurisdiction and to the funding county while placed in a county-funded program.

8. **Redirection and Abatement.** As provided by MCL 552.605d and subject to statutory procedures, the friend of the court may redirect support paid for a child to the person who is providing the actual care, support, and maintenance of that child, and shall abate support charges to zero for a child who resides on a full-time basis with the payer of support or if the payer of support will be incarcerated for 180 consecutive days or more without the ability to pay.

When friend of the court becomes aware that the payer's condition meets the definition of incapacitation as defined in the current or subsequent Michigan Child Support Formula, monthly support charges shall abate and be temporarily reduced to zero effective the date that the friend of the court office provides notice of the abatement to the parties and to the court. Support charges shall be reinstated effective 60 days after the incapacitation ends. The office shall provide notice of reinstatement to the parties and to the court that specifies the date charges will be effective.

Either party may object to the abatement or reinstatement by filing a written objection with the court within 21 days following when the notice was filed, or by filing a motion. If a timely objection is received, the friend of the court shall either set the objection for hearing or complete a support review with an effective date no earlier than the date of filing of that notice.

Based on a motion by either party or a recommendation following a review by the friend of the court, the amount abated may be later corrected based on the parties' incomes or ability to pay during the abatement period.

9. **Fees.** The payer of support shall pay statutory and service fees as required by law.

10. **Review.** Each party to a support order may submit a written request to have the friend of the court review the order. The friend of the court is not required to act on more than one request received from a party each 36 months. A party may also file a motion to modify this support order.

11. **Michigan Child Support Formula Deviation.** The support provisions ordered do not follow the Michigan Child Support Formula. The attached deviation addendum (FOC 10d) provides the basis for deviation and the required findings by the court.

12. **Other:** (Attach separate sheets as needed.)

13. **Prior Orders. This order supersedes all prior child support orders and all continuing provisions are restated in this order.** Past-due amounts owed under any prior support order in this case are preserved and paid at the rate calculated using the arrearage guideline in the Michigan Child Support Formula.

Judge signature and date

Plaintiff (if consent/stipulation) Date Defendant (if consent/stipulation) Date

Plaintiff's attorney Date Defendant's attorney Date

Prepared by: _____
Name (type or print)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I served a copy of this uniform child support order on the parties or their attorneys by first-class mail addressed to their last-known addresses as defined by MCR 3.203. I also served the Deviation Addendum (FOC 10d) with this order. I declare under the penalties of perjury that this certificate of mailing has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Date

Signature