

Seventh Judicial Circuit of Michigan

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed is a copy of the Referee Recommendation and instructions on how to file an objection if necessary.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Review the Referee Recommendation
 - Please look for any clerical errors, such as wrong addresses or Plaintiff/Defendant switched.
2. If the Referee Recommendation has no mistakes and looks correct – you don't need to do anything else. If neither party objects, we will send the Referee Recommendation to the judge to be signed and we will send you a copy of the new court order.
3. If you find any other issues or if you disagree with the Referee Recommendation, you will need to file an objection with the **Clerk's office** within **21 days** of the proof of mailing date of the Recommendation.
 - If you file an objection, you will get a date to go before a Judge to explain why you disagree with the Recommendation.

If you want to know more about how the Referee Recommendation was calculated, we have enclosed additional paperwork to help explain the process. If you have any other questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact our office at 810-257-3300.

Thank you,

Genesee County Friend of the Court
Modification Department

FOC

MODIFICATION

FAQS



Why am I getting this? Per MI Law, the FOC must review child support orders and make changes every three years if there is public assistance and more often if there is a change in income, health insurance, or where the child lives.

Why do you need my income information and tax return? The FOC is required to use the child support formula, which uses both parties' incomes and deductions. We cannot use monthly budgets or spouses income, only the two parents income can be used.



If I provide health insurance do I really need ordinary medical? Ordinary medical is different than health insurance. Ordinary medical is required in support orders for both parent's out of pocket medical costs.

I have other children, can you consider that? Yes.



How long will this take? Per MI law we get 6 months, but we try to complete our part in 4 months.

What if the other party is not using their parenting time? The FOC must follow the last court order on parenting time. If you want to change the parenting time order, we have parenting time caseworkers who may be able to help and we have motion packets in our office and on our website.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GENESEE COUNTY**

**OBJECTION TO FRIEND OF THE
COURT REFEREE'S RECOMMENDED
CHILD SUPPORT ORDER
(JUDGE HEARING)**

CASE NO. _____
JUDGE: _____

Court address: 900 South Saginaw Street, Flint, Michigan 48502

Court telephone no. (810) 257-3220

Plaintiff name _____ Moving Party

Defendant name _____ Moving Party

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone no. _____

Telephone no. _____

I object to the entry of the child support recommendation dated _____ and request a hearing before a referee. I object for the following reasons:

I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Date

Signature of objecting party

Name (type or print)

NOTICE OF HEARING

A hearing will be held on this objection before JUDGE _____

on _____ at _____ at _____
Date Time Location

If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability, or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on this date I mailed a copy of this objection and notice of hearing on the other party(ies) by ordinary mail at the above address(es).

Date

Signature

GIVE COPY OF OBJECTION AND NOTICE TO THE FRIEND OF THE COURT

Requesting a Hearing for an Objection to a Referee's Recommendation

If no written objection and notice of hearing are filed with the clerk's office within twenty-one (21) days after the Recommendation is served on the parties, an order will be entered setting support at the Recommendation amount. The Referee Recommendation shall be an interim (temporary) order if either party files an objection.

Use your copy of the recommendation as a guide when completing the objection. The parties have a right to request a referee hearing. This is a hearing before the Family Court Judge assigned to your case. You can get a judicial hearing by filing an objection to the Referee Recommendation within twenty-one (21) days of the date the report was mailed to you. To file a written objection, you must complete the attached "OBJECTION TO FRIEND OF THE COURT REFEREE'S RECOMMENDED CHILD SUPPORT ORDER." OBJECTIONS MUST BE FILED AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT 900 S. SAGINAW ST. FLINT, MI 48502.

The party objecting to the recommendation must have the objection and notice of hearing served on the opposing party or counsel in the manner provided in MCR 2.119(C) and give notice to the Friend of the court MCR 3.0203(b). As a courtesy, the clerk will keep one copy and forward it to the Friend of the Court. The instructions below, "Completing the Certificate of Mailing" explain how to serve the opposing party.

Completing the "CERTIFICATE OF MAILING"

There are court rules that must be followed which make sure that the other person knows an objection has been filed. The "OBJECTION TO FRIEND OF THE COURT REFEREE'S RECOMMENDED CHILD SUPPORT ORDER" form must be mailed at least NINE (9) days before the hearing date.

Step 1: Have a friend or family member over the age of 18 (not you) mail a copy of the "OBJECTION TO FRIEND OF THE COURT REFEREE'S RECOMMENDED CHILD SUPPORT ORDER" to the other party making sure your return address is on the envelope. If either you or the other party has a confidential address, you can come to the Friend of the Court to assist with the certificate of mailing.

Step 2: After that person mails the documents, have them fill in the date they mailed it and sign their name in the "CERTIFICATE OF MAILING" section of the two photocopies you have left. Make sure to have them print their names legibly under their signature.

Step 3: Return to the Clerk's Office with both completed photocopies. The clerk will keep one for the court's file and true copy stamp and return the other copy to you. You must file the "CERTIFICATE OF MAILING" portion of the form at least 5 days prior to the hearing date.