

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

R U L E S O R D E R

This Court's Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure having submitted to the Court a Letter Report dated November 15, 2007 recommending adoption on an emergency basis of proposed amendments to Rule 9-206, all as set forth in that Report; and

This Court having considered at an open meeting, notice of which was posted as prescribed by law, all those proposed amendments and finding that an emergency exists with reference to the proposed rule changes, it is this 4th day of December, 2007,

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that amendments to Rule 9-206 be, and they are hereby, adopted in the form attached to this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Rule changes hereby adopted by this Court shall govern the courts of this State and all parties and their attorneys in all actions and proceedings, and shall take effect and apply to all actions commenced on or after December 4, 2007, and insofar as practicable to all actions then pending; and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published in the next issue of the *Maryland Register*.

/s/ Robert M. Bell

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/s/ Irma S. Raker

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/s/ Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.

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/s/ Lynne A. Battaglia

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/s/ Clayton Greene, Jr.

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/s/ Alexander L. Cummings

Clerk
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MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE
TITLE 9 - FAMILY LAW ACTIONS
CHAPTER 200 - DIVORCE, ANNULMENT AND ALIMONY

AMEND Rule 9-206 by revising the worksheets to conform to statutory changes, by deleting language from and adding language to the "Comments" section of Worksheets A and B, and by making stylistic changes, as follows:

Rule 9-206. CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

(a) Definitions

The following definitions apply in this Rule:

(1) Shared Physical Custody

"Shared physical custody" has the meaning stated in Code, Family Law Article, §12-201 (i).

(2) Worksheet

"Worksheet" means a document to compute child support under the guidelines set forth in Code, Family Law Article, Title 12, Subtitle 2.

(b) Filing of Worksheet

In an action involving the establishment or modification of child support, each party shall file a worksheet in the form set forth in section (c) or (d) of this Rule. Unless the court directs otherwise, the worksheet shall be filed not later than the date of the hearing on the issue of child support.

Cross reference: See Code, Family Law Article, §12-203 (a) and *Walsh v. Walsh*, 333 Md. 492 (1994).

(c) Primary Physical Custody

Except in cases of shared physical custody, the worksheet shall be in substantially the following form:

_____ In the
 _____ Circuit Court for _____
 v.
 _____ No. _____

WORKSHEET A - CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION: PRIMARY PHYSICAL CUSTODY

<u>Children</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
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<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>

	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Combined</u>
1. MONTHLY ACTUAL INCOME (Before taxes) (Code, Family Law Article, §12-201 (b))	\$	\$	////////
a. Minus preexisting child support payment actually paid	-	-	////////
b. Minus health insurance premium (if child included)	-	-	////////

c. <u>b.</u> Minus alimony actually paid	-	-	////////
d. <u>c.</u> Plus/minus alimony awarded in this case	+/-	+/-	//////// ////////
2. MONTHLY ADJUSTED ACTUAL INCOME	\$	\$	\$
3. PERCENTAGE SHARE OF INCOME (Line 2. Each <u>Divide each</u> parent's income <u>on line 2 by the combined income</u> <u>on line 2. divided by Combined</u> <u>Income</u>)	%	%	//////// //////// //////// //////// ////////
4. BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Apply line 2 Combined <u>Income</u> to Child Support Schedule.)	////////	////////	//////// //////// //////// \$
a. Work-Related Child Care Expenses (Code, FL <u>Family Law Article,</u> <u>§12-204 (g)</u>)	////////	////////	//////// //////// //////// \$ \$ +
b. <u>Health Insurance Expenses</u> (Code, <u>Family Law Article,</u> <u>§12-204 (h)(1)</u>)	////////	////////	//////// //////// //////// \$ \$ +
b. <u>c.</u> Extraordinary Medical Expenses (Code, FL <u>Family Law Article,</u> <u>§12-204 (h)(2)</u>)	////////	////////	//////// //////// //////// \$ \$ +
c. <u>d.</u> Additional Expenses (Code, FL <u>Family Law Article,</u> <u>§12-204 (i)</u>)	////////	////////	//////// //////// //////// \$ \$ +
5. TOTAL CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Add lines 4, 4 a, 4 b, and 4 <u>c.</u> <u>and 4 d.</u>)	////////	////////	//////// //////// //////// \$

6. EACH PARENT'S CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Multiply line 3 ~~times~~ 5 by line 5 3 for each parent.) \$ \$ /////
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7. TOTAL DIRECT PAY BY EACH PARENT (Add the expenses shown on lines 4 a, 4 b, 4 c, and 4 d paid by each parent.) \$ \$ /////
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8. RECOMMENDED CHILD SUPPORT AMOUNT (Subtract line 7 from line 6 for each parent.) \$ \$ /////
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~~7-~~ 9. RECOMMENDED CHILD SUPPORT ORDER (Bring down amount from line 8 for the non-custodial parent only. Leave custodial parent column blank. If this is a negative number, see Comment (2), below.) \$ \$ /////
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~~Comments, calculations, or rebuttals to schedule or adjustments if non-custodial parent directly pays extraordinary expenses or special adjustments, such as (1) any adjustment for certain third party benefits paid to or for the child of an obligor who is disabled, retired, or receiving benefits as a result of a compensable claim (see Code, Family Law Article, §12-204 (j) or (2) that there is a negative dollar amount on line 9, which indicates a recommended child support order directing the custodial parent to reimburse the non-custodial parent this amount for "direct pay" expenses):~~

PREPARED BY:

DATE:

(d) Shared Physical Custody

In cases of shared physical custody, the worksheet shall be in substantially the following form:

_____ In the
 v. Circuit Court for _____
 _____ No. _____

WORKSHEET B - CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION: SHARED PHYSICAL CUSTODY

Children	Date of Birth	Children	Date of Birth
_____ Name of Child	_____ Date of Birth	_____ Name of Child	_____ Date of Birth
_____ Name of Child	_____ Date of Birth	_____ Name of Child	_____ Date of Birth
_____ Name of Child	_____ Date of Birth	_____ Name of Child	_____ Date of Birth

	Mother	Father	Combined
1. MONTHLY ACTUAL INCOME (Before taxes) (Code, Family Law Article, §12-201 (b))	\$	\$	/////
a. Minus preexisting child support payment actually paid	-	-	/////
b. Minus health insurance premium (if child included)	-	-	/////
c. b. Minus alimony actually paid	-	-	/////
d. c. Plus/minus alimony awarded in this case	+/-	+/-	/////
2. MONTHLY ADJUSTED ACTUAL INCOME	\$	\$	\$

3. PERCENTAGE SHARE OF INCOME (Line 2. Each <u>Divide each parent's income divided on line 2 by the combined income on line 2.</u>)	%	%	/////	/////	/////	/////
4. BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Apply line 2 Combined <u>Income</u> to Child Support Schedule.)	/////	/////	/////	/////	/////	\$
5. ADJUSTED BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (<u>Multiply</u> Line 4 times by 1.5)	/////	/////	/////	/////	/////	\$
6. OVERNIGHTS with each parent (must total 365)						365
7. PERCENTAGE WITH EACH PARENT (Line 6 divided by 365)	A	%	B	%	/////	/////
STOP HERE IF Line 7 is less than 35% for either parent. Shared physical custody does not apply. (See Use <u>Worksheet A, instead.</u>)	/////	/////	/////	/////	/////	/////
8. EACH PARENT'S THEORETICAL CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Multiply line 3 times 5 <u>by line 5 3</u> for each parent.)	A\$		B\$		/////	/////
9. BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION FOR TIME WITH OTHER PARENT (Multiply line 7B times 8A <u>by line 8A 7B</u> and put answer on Line 9A.) (Multiply line 7A times 8B <u>by line 8B 7A</u> and put answer on line 9B.)	A\$		B\$		/////	/////
10. NET BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Subtract lesser amount from greater amount in line 9 and place answer here under column with greater amount in Line 9.)	\$		\$		/////	/////

11. EXPENSES:	/////	/////	
a. Work-Related Child Care Expenses (Code, Family Law Article, §12-204 (g))	/////	/////	+
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<u>b. Health Insurance Expenses</u> (Code, Family Law Article §12-204 (h)(1))	/////	/////	+
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b. <u>c.</u> Extraordinary Medical Expenses (Code, Family Law Article, §12-204 (h)(2))	/////	/////	+
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c. <u>d.</u> Additional Expenses (Code, Family Law Article, §12-204 (i))	/////	/////	+
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12. NET ADJUSTMENT FROM WORKSHEET C. Enter amount on <u>from</u> line h <u>i</u> , WORKSHEET C, if applicable. If not, continue to Line 13.	\$	\$	/////
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13. NET BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (From Line 10, WORKSHEET B)	\$	\$	/////
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14. RECOMMENDED CHILD SUPPORT ORDER (If the same parent owes money under Lines 12 and 13, add these two figures to obtain <u>the</u> amount owed by that parent. If one parent owes money under Line 12 and the other owes money under Line 13, subtract the lesser amount from the greater amount to obtain the difference. The parent owing the greater of the two amounts on Lines 12 and 13 will owe that difference as the child support obligation. NOTE: The amount owed in a shared custody arrangement may not exceed the			/////

amount that would be owed if // // // // //
 the obligor parent were a // // // // //
 non-custodial parent. See // // // // //
 WORKSHEET A). \$ \$ // // // // //

~~Comments, calculations, or rebuttals to schedule or adjustments if non-custodial parent directly pays extraordinary expenses or special adjustments, such as any adjustment for certain third party benefits paid to or for the child of an obligor who is disabled, retired, or receiving benefits as a result of a compensable claim (see Code, Family Law Article, §12-204 (j)):~~

PREPARED BY: _____ DATE: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORKSHEET C: Use ~~this~~ Worksheet C ONLY if any of the Expenses listed in lines 11 a, 11 b, ~~or~~ 11 c, or 11 d is directly paid out or received by the parents in a different proportion than the percentage share of income entered on line 3 of Worksheet B. Example: If the mother pays all of the day care, or parents split education/medical costs 50/50 and line 3 is other than 50/50. If there is more than one ~~11 c~~ 11 d expense, the calculations on lines ~~e and f~~ g and h below must be made for each expense.

WORKSHEET C - FOR ADJUSTMENTS, LINE 12, WORKSHEET B

	Mother	Father
a. Total amount of direct payments made for Line 11 a expenses times <u>multiplied by</u> each parent's percentage of income (Line 3, WORKSHEET B) (Proportionate share)	\$	\$

b. The excess amount of direct payments made by the parent who pays more than the amount calculated in Line a, above. (The difference between amount paid and proportionate share)	\$	\$
c. Total amount of direct payments made for Line 11 b expenses times <u>multiplied by</u> each parent's percentage of income (Line 3, WORKSHEET B)	\$	\$
d. The excess amount of direct payments made by the parent who pays more than the amount calculated on <u>in</u> Line c, above.	\$	\$
e. Total amount of direct payments made for Line 11 c expenses times <u>multiplied by</u> each parent's percentage of income (Line 3, WORKSHEET B)	\$	\$
f. The excess amount of direct payments made by the parent who pays more than the amount calculated in Line e, above.	\$	\$
g. <u>Total amount of direct payments made for Line 11 d expenses multiplied by each parent's percentage of income (Line 3, WORKSHEET B)</u>	\$	\$
h. <u>The excess amount of direct payments made by the parent who pays more than the amount calculated in line g, above.</u>	\$	\$
g. <u>i.</u> For each parent, add lines b, d, and f, and h	\$	\$
h. <u>j.</u> Subtract lesser amount from greater amount in Line g. <u>i.</u> , above. Place the answer on this line under the lesser amount in Line g. <u>i.</u> Also enter this		

answer on Line 12 of WORKSHEET B, in
the same parent's column.

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Source: This Rule is new.