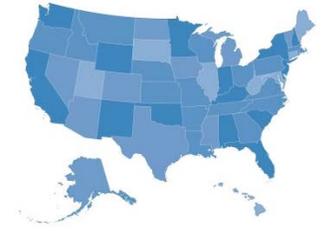




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How Do I Get Paternity And Support Established When The Other Party Resides In A Different State?



The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) provides a way for paternity and child support to be established across state lines. The act is in effect nationwide. A key component to the act is that parties do not have to travel to attend hearings.

You can start the process by contacting your local child support agency who will likely request certain documents from you such as: birth and marriage certificates, pay stubs, proof of health insurance coverage, and verification of child care expenses. In addition, you will be required to complete paperwork that will be sent to the responding state, where the other party is residing, for the next action.

If legally possible the responding state will seek paternity and support. You will not be required to attend the hearing(s). The paperwork completed by you will be in lieu of your testimony.

What If I Want To Participate By Telephone For The Hearing?

UIFSA law allows parties to participate by telephone, if requested. The child support agencies are required to facilitate the testimony. You will likely be required to appear at your local agency on the date and time of the hearing. Your identity will need to be verified so make sure that you bring identification with you. If you plan on referencing any documents in your testimony, make sure that they are provided to your local agency in advance of the hearing. Your local agency will send the documents to the responding agency.



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How Do I Get My Order Modified?

Contact your local agency to request a modification. They will guide you through the process. Utilizing the UIFSA process should keep you from having to attend hearings in person.



Frequently Asked Questions

I have been paying my support order through wage withholding to the support agency in the state that issued the order. My employer has now received a notice of withholding from another state. What can I do?

Contact your local agency who will work with the other state to resolve the issue. You should not have two deductions for the same order.

I have moved from the state that issued my original child support order. I received a notice that the order is being “registered” in my local court.

What does that mean?

Registering a support order does not change the amount of current support charging or the arrears owed. An order is registered when a state wants to administer the support order for the parties.

I have received notice that my child is going to be emancipated and current support stopped. My child is 19, but the state where the other party lives allows child support up to the age of 21. Can my support continue?

UIFSA provides that the law of the state that issued a support order is to be applied in determining the duration of support. If the state that issued the support order allows for current support to run until the age of 19 then, absent any other extenuating circumstance, current support will cease when your child reaches that age. The age of emancipation in the state where the other party lives is not applied.



Any questions regarding parenting time should be directed to your attorney.

Contact your child support agency for more information if you have questions.