

MONTANA CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES PACKET

APRIL 1, 2016

The Montana Child Support Enforcement Division's (CSED) most recent review of the Montana child support guidelines resulted in amendments effective July 1, 2012. As required by federal regulation, CSED has again embarked upon the quadrennial review of the guidelines for 2016. Public comment will be solicited if the review results in proposed changes to the child support guidelines found in the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) at 37.62.100, et seq. The public is always welcome to offer comments and suggestions regarding the guidelines and may do so by emailing CSED at guidelines@mt.gov. To be added to CSED's Interested Parties mailing list, contact a CSED office.

CSED wishes to remind users that with introduction of mandatory health insurance under the federal Affordable Care Act, out-of-pocket health insurance premiums for parents and their "other" children are now an allowable deduction from income in a child support calculation under the Montana guidelines. There is no change to the guideline rules or worksheets because they already provide for deductions that are required by law. See page 15 of the packet for specifics of the deduction.

This packet includes everything necessary to calculate a child support obligation under the Montana guidelines. The tables, found on the inside of the packet's back cover, are updated each spring after the annual federal poverty guidelines are issued, normally on April 1. The other components may be updated from time to time but not every year.

These guidelines should be used for all child support calculations in the state of Montana effective April 1, 2016, and after. For copies of guideline forms or answers to child support guideline questions, see the web site and e-mail addresses listed below. The contents of this packet can also be found on the CSED web site.

CSED web site, rules, and forms: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/csed/index.shtml>. For questions and comments on the child support guidelines, e-mail to: guidelines@mt.gov

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