

COMMISSION FOR CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

Notice of Intent to Amend *Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines* Regulations

The Commission for Child Support Guidelines, established pursuant to section 46b-215a of the Connecticut General Statutes, hereby gives notice, pursuant to sections 4-168(a) and 46b-215c of the general statutes, that it intends to amend the *Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines*, §§46b-215a-1 to 46b-215a-5b, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

In accordance with §46b-215b of the general statutes, the *Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines* regulations are considered in all determinations of child support amounts and arrearage pay plans in the state. They are designed to facilitate the establishment and modification of uniform and equitable child support orders. In particular, the guidelines consider the income of both parents and provide a basis for determining an appropriate child support order. The guidelines also designate specific circumstances that may be considered as a basis for deviation from the guidelines amount. Proposed changes to the regulation include:

- Update of the guidelines schedule
- Revisions and additions to definitions
- The treatment of alimony
- Calculation of payments when another child resides with a parent
- Revisions to the higher combined income portion of the guidelines schedule
- Changes to health care coverage to accord with existing law
- Calculation of arrears payment for emancipated children
- Additional deviation criterion for when the total child support award exceeds 55% of obligor's net income
- Changes to the guidelines worksheet including simplification and format
- Other technical changes.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments concerning the *Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines* to the Commission on or before October 15, 2013 at the following address: Commission for Child Support Guidelines, c/o David A. Mulligan, Chair, Department of Social Services, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5033 or by e-mail to david.mulligan@ct.gov.

Interested parties may also express their views on the proposed amendments to the guidelines regulations at any of the following public hearings:

Tuesday, September 17, 2013
6:00- 8:00 PM
Department of Social Services
New Haven District Office
50 Humphrey Street
New Haven, CT

Tuesday, September 24, 2013
6:00-8:00 PM
Department of Social Services
Norwich District Office
401 West Thames Street, Unit 102
Norwich, CT

Tuesday, October 1, 2013
6:00-8:00 PM
Department of Social Services
Waterbury District Office
249 Thomaston Avenue
Waterbury CT.

Tuesday, October 8, 2013
6:00-8:00 PM
Department of Social Services
925 Housatonic Avenue
Bridgeport, CT

Tuesday, October 15, 2013
2:00-4:00 PM
Department of Social Services
Central Office
Mezzanine 2AB
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT

Copies of the proposed amendments are available on the DSS website (www.ct.gov/dss) or may be requested by email by contacting dean.festa@ct.gov. (860) 424-5894

David A. Mulligan
Commission Chair