



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES COMMITTEE

September 17, 2021
9:00 AM

The Child Support Guidelines Committee will hold a public meeting to review child support enforcement guidelines in accordance with NRS 425.620. This meeting will be held virtually.

AGENDA

Register in advance for this webinar:

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STACKED AGENDA: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda at the discretion of the Chairperson. Items may also be combined for consideration, pulled, or removed from the agenda at any time. Persons who have business before the Committee are solely responsible to see that they are present when their business is conducted. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Chairperson. The Committee may only take action on those items denoted as potential action items.

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| 1. | Call to Order and Roll Call | Kimberly Surratt |
| 2. | Public Comment Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. | Public |
| 3. | Approval of Meeting Minutes (November 30, 2018 and March 6, 2020). <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 4. | Discussion of the commission's duties by statute of the make-up of the current commission membership to determine if any seats are vacant to be filled. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 5. | Discussion and recommendations on NAC 425.100(2) and if "basic needs of a child" should be defined. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |

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| 6. | Discussion and recommendations on modification of NAC 425.100(3)(a) to modify the term “deviation” to “adjustment”. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 7. | Discussion and recommendations/clarification of NAC 425.100(3) and the language “established pursuant to the guidelines” and if that language means with or without “adjustments” per the guidelines. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 8. | Discussion and recommendations on cleaning up language in the regulations on what is part of the “formula” versus what is an adjustment after the formula. For example, should NAC 425.130 and NAC 425.135 be moved into NAC 425.140 to be clear they are part of the formula and not an “adjustment”. Discuss that the intention was for the “formula” to be a percent of income plus equitable division of childcare plus equitable division of health insurance premium. Discuss edits to language to make this clear. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 9. | Discussion and recommendations on NAC 425.125 to determine if the “without good cause” language needs to be modified to include individuals who are unemployed or underemployed because their household members make plenty of money for the person to not work. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 10. | Discussion and recommendations/clarification on use and meaning of NAC 425.150(1)(f), “the relative income of both households, so long as the adjustment does not exceed the total obligation of the other party.” <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 11. | Discussion and recommendations/clarification of NAC 425.150(h) on “ability to pay” and use of the regulation. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 12. | Discussion and recommendations on NAC 425.135 to discuss how the health insurance costs should be divided and to include the following language from the prior statutes “Expenses for health care which are not reimbursed, including expenses for medical, surgical, dental, orthodontic and optical expenses, must be borne equally by both parents in the absence of extraordinary circumstances.” <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 13. | Discussion and recommendations on adding language to NAC 425.025 on “Gross Income” to clarify self-employed income is “after deduction of all legitimate business expenses, but without deduction for personal income taxes, contributions for retirement benefits, contributions to a pension or for any other personal expenses.” <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 14. | Discussion and recommendations on NAC 425.150(1)(e) and whether it should be expanded to cover the cost of the parent to travel for visitation. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |

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| 15. | Discussion and recommendations on NAC 425.150(1) to determine if the old deviation factor of “amount of time the child spends with each parent” should be reinstated. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 16. | Discussion and recommendations on NAC 425.150(1)(g) to determine if the “other necessary expenses” should be further defined to discuss what is not intended to be covered, i.e., tuition, extracurricular activities, life insurance, etc. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 17. | Discussion and recommendations/clarification on the low-income schedule and discussion of use of the table as a “minimum” child support obligation. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 18. | Discussion and recommendations on NAC 425.150 to determine if “public assistance” should be defined and if so, how to define it. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 19. | Discussion and recommendations on NAC 425.155 to include discussion of individuals incarcerated for month pending resolution of charges and if the court should set an amount to be paid upon release at the current low-income schedule amount. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 20. | Discussion and recommendations on NAC 425.160 and the legality and enforceability of the obligation of a parent to pay child support for a 19-year-old who is an adult. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 21. | Discussion and recommendations/clarification of NAC 425.025(1)(m), the inclusion of alimony in “gross income” in the regulations versus NAC 425.025(2) that does not exclude or deduct alimony paid from the obligor’s income. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 22. | Discussion and recommendations on maintenance of the hearing videos and minutes from the Commission in a public location for preserving the “intent” of the work of the commission. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 23. | Discussion and recommendations on the language in NAC 425.115(3) for joint physical custody and the recent legislative proposal to change the language to one-half of the difference versus the full difference in child support values. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 24. | Discuss and approve ideas for future agenda items. <i>For Possible Action</i> | Committee |
| 25. | Public Comment Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. | Public |
| 26. | Adjournment | Kimberly Surratt |

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**Nevada State Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
Child Support Enforcement
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MAILING DATE: September 9, 2021

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