MOTION REGARDING SUPPORT

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FOC 50	$60	mifile.courts.michigan.gov

Before you file

The court uses the **Michigan Child Support Formula** to determine child support. The court will use the formula even if you request a different amount. The court may use a different amount only if the formula is unfair.

To change your current child support order, the new amount must be at least **10% different** from the current amount or **$50 more or less per month**, whichever is greater.

Complete the Motion Regarding Support

- Case number (at the top of the form)
- Your role in the case: plaintiff or defendant
- Identify yourself as the moving party
- Date of your most recent support order: _____
- Current monthly amounts for:

  Child support: $_____ per month

  Childcare: $_____ per month

  Health care: $_____ per month
- **On the second page you will answer questions 5 and 7.**
  - Explain what has changed since your most recent support order (#5)
  - What are you asking the court to do (#7)
- The court will complete the **"Notice of Hearing"** section after you file your motion.

File electronically

- To find your case, type in only the numbers between the dashes. For example, if your case number is 2026-123456-DM, only type **123456** in the search by case number box**.**
- The filing type is: **Postjudgment Motion to Modify Support**

Going to Your Referee Hearing

After you file your **Motion Regarding Child Support** on MiFILE, the court will schedule a hearing with the referee. A referee listens to both sides and helps move your case forward.

Before the Hearing

- **Be Ready.** You are representing yourself. This means you need to follow the court's rules and be respectful, just like an attorney.
- **Make Notes.** Write down the main things you want the referee to know. Your notes should explain why you are asking the court to change the parenting time.
- **Bringing a Witness.** If you want someone to come to court and speak, there are special court rules to follow. You must follow the procedures in Michigan Court Rule 2.506. You may want to talk to an attorney if you need help.

During the Hearing

- **Answer Questions.** Listen carefully. Answer the referee's questions clearly and honestly.
- **Let Everyone Speak.** The other person will also have a chance to talk. Do not interrupt. If you want, write down notes while they are speaking. When it is your turn again, you can respond.

If You Reach an Agreement

- **You Agree on a Plan.** If you and the other person agree, the agreement will be written down. This is called a **stipulation**. Both of you will sign it. Then it will be sent to the judge to sign. After the judge signs it, you will get a copy in your MiFILE account or by mail.

If You Do Not Reach an Agreement

- **The Referee Makes a Recommendation.** If you do not agree, the referee will write a **Recommendation** or a **Temporary Order**. This may take up to **21 days**. You will receive a copy in your MiFILE account or by mail.

If You Do Not Agree with the Decision

If you do not agree with the Referee's Recommendation or Temporary Order, you can file an objection. You must file it within **21 days**. The deadline will be on the form you receive. You can also get the form from the Legal Self-Help Center.

Important

Go to your hearing. If you do not attend, you cannot file an objection to the referee's decision later.

Approved, SCAO

Original - Court
1st copy - Other party
2nd copy - Moving party

3rd copy - Friend of the court
4th copy - Proof of service
5th copy - Proof of service

STATE OF MICHIGAN 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OTTAWA COUNTY	MOTION REGARDING SUPPORT	(A) CASE NO.

Court address
12240 Fillmore St, Rm 50, West Olive, MI 49460

Court telephone no.
(616) 846-8315

(B)

Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone no. ☐ moving party	v	Defendant's name, address, and telephone no. ☐ moving party
Third party name, address, and telephone no. ☐ moving party		

(C) 1. ☐ a. On _____ (Date) a judgment or order was entered regarding support.
☐ b. There is currently no order regarding support.

(D) ☐ 2. The ☐ plaintiff ☐ defendant is ordered to pay support of $ _____ each month.

(E) ☐ 3. The ☐ plaintiff ☐ defendant is ordered to pay child care of $ _____ each month.

(F) ☐ 4. The ☐ plaintiff ☐ defendant is ordered to pay health care of $ _____ each month.

(G) ☐ 5. Conditions regarding support have changed as follows: See attached.
Use a separate sheet to explain in detail what has happened and attach. Include all necessary facts.

(H) ☐ 6. _____ (Name) and I have agreed to support as follows:
Use a separate sheet to explain in detail what you have agreed on and attach. Include all necessary facts.

(I) 7. I ask the court to order that support be paid as follows: ☐ See 6 above for details. See attached.
Use a separate sheet to explain in detail what you want the court to order and attach.

(J) _____ (Date) /S/ (Moving party's signature)

NOTICE OF HEARING

A hearing will be held on this motion before _____ (Judge/Referee) _____ (Bar no.)

(K) on _____ (Date) at _____ (Time) at _____ (Location).

If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability, or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements. When contacting the court, provide your case number(s).

Note: If you are the person receiving this motion, you may file a response. Contact the friend of the court office and request form FOC 51.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on this date I served a copy of this motion and notice of hearing on the parties or their attorneys by first-class mail addressed to the last-known addresses as defined in MCR 3.203.

(L) _____ (Date) /s/ (Moving party's signature)

State of Michigan 20th Circuit Court Ottawa County	Motion Regarding Support Page 2	Case Number

Court Address: 12240 Fillmore St, Rm 50, West Olive, MI 49460 **Court Phone:** 616-846-8315

Plaintiff Name:	**Defendant Name:**

5. I want to change my current support order because:

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7. I want the court to do the following:

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