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**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDLAND**

**DEFINING "REASONABLE COST"  
FOR PURPOSES OF FRIEND OF THE  
COURT ENFORCEMENT OF  
HEALTH CARE COVERAGE**

**Local Administrative Order:**

**2007-04-C42**

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At a session of said Court, held in the Midland County Courthouse  
In the City of Midland, in said County on  
August 7, 2007

Present: HONORABLE DORENE S. ALLEN  
Chief Circuit Judge

**WHEREAS**, MCLA 552.511(1)(b) requires the Friend of the Court to take enforcement action when a parent fails to obtain or maintain health care coverage for the parent's child as ordered by the Court;

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Child Support Formula of 2004 Section 3.07(B)(2) defines reasonable cost for health care coverage as follows:

- a. A reasonable cost for providing private health care coverage does not exceed five percent of the gross income of the providing parent.
- b. Parents with a net income below 133 percent of the federal poverty level (\$1,032) or whose resident child is covered by Medicaid based on that parent's income should not be ordered to contribute toward or provide private coverage, unless private coverage is obtainable without employee contribution.
- c. A providing parent's costs for private health care coverage are unreasonable if the parent's total share of child support, child care, ordinary health care expenses, and net share of health care insurance (not including arrearage payments) exceed 50% of the parent's net income as defined in the Michigan Child Support Formula Manual.

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**WHEREAS**, the Court sees a need to define reasonable cost of health care coverage when it is not specified in an order, especially for orders that were entered prior to the Michigan Child Support Formula Manual of 2004;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:**

Except as specifically provided in an order, the reasonable cost of health care coverage is as outlined in the Michigan Child Support Formula of 2004 Section 3.07(B)(2).

August 7, 2007  
Date

  
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DORENE S. ALLEN (P32468)  
CHIEF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE