

**Information Sheet:**

## **CHANGING SUPPORT ORDERS TO MONTHLY AMOUNTS**

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Public Act 565 of 2002 took effect December 1, 2002 and requires all support orders to be stated in monthly amounts. Below are answers to some common questions and concerns.

**Q: Why is my support order changing?**

A: The legislature passed a law in 2002 which requires a support order to be stated in a monthly amount. Previously, support orders could have been stated in weekly, biweekly, or monthly amounts. The new law ensures uniformity across the state, and is consistent with federal requirements.

**Q: Will the amount of my support change?**

A: No. The amount of your current order will be restated in a monthly amount. To convert a weekly amount into a monthly amount, the support amount by 4.35. To convert a bi-weekly amount into a monthly amount, multiply the support amount by 2.175.

**Q: With a monthly support order, will collection and distribution only occur once per month?**

A: No. Changing support orders to reflect monthly support amounts should not change how support is collected or distributed.

For payers with income withholding, the same amount of support will continue to be collected during each pay cycle.

For support recipients, support will continue to be sent out as it is paid (the amount for the entire month will not be distributed at the beginning of the month).

**Q: Will I be charged for a full month of support if an order is entered or modified in the middle of the month?**

A: No. The Friend of Court has to prorate support orders that are entered after the first of the month, or when the support obligation changes or ends after the first of the month. This assures that support is required only for the days in the month in which the order is in effect.