

CHECKLIST FOR CHILD SUPPORT OPTIONS

Here is a checklist for options in child support. Please save this copy and feel free to ask any questions you may have.

MONETARY/CASH AMOUNT

- Check state child support guidelines
- Check service regulations (in military cases)
- Allocate among children? [Always when representing the noncustodial parent!]

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE

- Private insurance
- TRICARE (in military cases)

UNCOVERED HEALTH CARE EXPENSES (UHCE)

- Portion paid by noncustodial parent--
 - all
 - half
 - other fraction
 - excess over stated amount
- Define UHCE or leave unspecified?
- Payment due when? To whom?

LIFE INSURANCE *(in N.C., only by agreement)*

- Amount of coverage
- On both parents or just noncustodial one?
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- Change ownership of policy? Irrevocable beneficiary change?
- Choice of beneficiary--
 - other parent
 - child/children
 - trust

DEPENDENCY EXEMPTION

- Transfer to noncustodial parent or leave out?
- Give away or trade for increase in child support?
- Permanent or annual transfer?
- Complete transfer, or conditioned on faithful compliance with child support obligations?

COLLEGE EXPENSES *(in N.C., only by agreement)*

- Length of obligation
- Items to be covered--
 - room and board
 - books
 - tuition
 - fees
- Conditioned on--
 - child's performance in school?
 - generally recognized degree?
 - accredited institution?
- Portion paid by noncustodial parent--
 - all
 - half
 - other fraction
 - specific amount

REDUCTION OF CHILD SUPPORT FOR VISITATION?

TERMINATION OF CHILD SUPPORT

- Always include death or emancipation (by marriage, military service, etc.) or child's moving away from custodial parent
- Other qualifying events--
 - age of majority
 - high school termination
 - college termination