

CASH MEDICAL SUPPORT

In addition to financial support, parents are required to provide for the medical needs of their child. As a result, your child support order will include an amount ordered for Cash Medical Support.

What's the difference between private health insurance and cash medical support?

Private Health Insurance

Private Health Insurance is insurance paid for by a parent, most often obtained and paid for through that parent's employer.

It is presumed that the custodial parent will be the party covering the child(ren).

But note:

- ✓ The non-custodial parent may only be ordered to carry health insurance under certain conditions.
- ✓ A new spouse can provide private health insurance for the child.
- ✓ Fully subsidized coverage through Ohio Medicaid (including Healthy Start, CareSource, or Molina) is not considered private health insurance.

Cash Medical Support

Cash medical support Cash medical support means an amount ordered to be paid in a child support order toward the ordinary medical expenses incurred during a calendar year. The cash medical support amount is based on the number of children subject to the order and split between the parties using the parents' income share.

What else do I need to know?

- ✓ Cash Medical Support may be assigned, or paid to, the State of Ohio if the child or children subject to the case are currently enrolled and actively receiving Medicaid Benefits
- ✓ If the child or children subject to the case are not currently enrolled or receiving Medicaid Benefits then the Cash Medical Support Obligation will be disbursed to the Custodial Parent or Caretaker
- ✓ If you experience a change in your health insurance status please complete the **Health Insurance Status Form** on the Warren County CSEA Website and immediately send it to the Agency or contact us at 513-695-1580 or toll free at 1-800-644-2732

What if I Disagree?

If you disagree with the any of the following notices:

- ✓ JFS 04031, "Notice Regarding Cash Medical Support Order"
- ✓ JFS 04032, "Notice to Provide Cash Medical Support"
- ✓ JFS 04033 , "Notice to Provide Private Health Insurance"

You may submit an objection by completing the last page of the notice and sending it to the Warren County CSEA within **fourteen** (14) business days, and the CSEA will schedule the case for a mistake of fact hearing to allow you to present your reasons in opposition.

Q&A

Q: How do I receive credit for paying insurance?

A: *Contact the CSEA to request a modification of your order (Review & Adjustment)*

Q: How do uncovered extraordinary medical expenses get covered?

A: *Extraordinary medical expenses are any uninsured medical expenses sustained for a child during a calendar year that exceed the total cash medical support amount owed by the parents during that year. Your support order will specify that the obligor and obligee are both liable for the health care of expenses for the children who are not covered by private health insurance or cash medical support, according to a formula established by each court, with respect to a court child support order, or each child support enforcement agency, with respect to an administrative child support order.*