



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Social Services
Child Support Enforcement

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August 12, 2010

Dear County Director of Social Services and CSS Program Managers,

Section 15.6 of Senate Bill 897 (S.L. 2010-31), contains a correction to G.S. 110-134. This statute cites the filing fee for affidavits, agreements and orders under G.S. 110-132 and G.S. 110-133. Although the filing fee was increased from \$4.00 to \$6.00 in 2002, G.S. 110-134 was not revised to reflect the increased fee. Inclusion in this year's budget bill was merely to correct the oversight. There has been no change in the \$6.00 filing fee for a Voluntary Support Agreement.

Due to several changes, as well as some confusion regarding actual costs for certain actions, the following information clarifies costs related to frequent child support actions.

Miscellaneous Costs

- Paternity/Support agreements filing fee \$ 6.00 *Clarifying legislation corrected a discrepancy between two statutes. Fee is unchanged.*
- Application and Summons filing fee \$ 6.00 *no change*

Civil District Court Costs

- Civil Complaint \$100.00 *effective 10/1/10*
- Sheriff service of process fee \$ 15.00 *no change*

Consideration of budgetary impacts should be included when making a determination of the appropriate actions to be taken in a case. If you need additional information on child support issues, contact any member of the Policy & Training staff. For additional information on court costs, see the NC Administrative Office of the Courts website: www.nccourts.org/Courts/Trial/Costs

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy McArn".

Judy McArn
Assistant Chief of Program Operations

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Mission Statement

To consistently collect as much child support money as possible for the benefit of North Carolina's children.