

EXHIBIT A

COMMISSION FOR CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

Notice of Review of *Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines* Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations

The Commission for Child Support Guidelines hereby announces that it is engaged in a quadrennial review of Connecticut's *Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines* pursuant to section 46b-215a of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Commission also gives notice, pursuant to sections 4-168(a) and 46b-215c of the general statutes, that it intends to amend §§46b-215a-1 to 46b-215a-5a, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies as part of the guidelines review process.

In accordance with §46b-215b of the general statutes, the *Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines* regulations are considered in all determinations of child support amounts and arrearage pay plans in the state. They are designed to facilitate the establishment and modification of uniform and equitable child support orders. In particular, the guidelines consider the income of both parents and provide a basis for determining an appropriate child support order. The guidelines also designate specific circumstances that may be considered as a basis for deviation from the guidelines amount. Proposed changes to the regulation include:

- Update of the guidelines schedule
- Revisions and additions to definitions
- The treatment of alimony
- Calculation of payments when another child resides with a parent
- Revisions to the higher combined income portion of the guidelines schedule
- Changes to health care coverage to accord with existing law
- Calculation of arrears payment for emancipated children
- Additional deviation criterion for when the total child support award exceeds 55% of obligor's net income
- Changes to the guidelines worksheet including simplification and format
- Other technical changes.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments concerning the *Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines* to the Commission on or before TBD at the following address:

Commission for Child Support Guidelines
c/o David A. Mulligan, Chair
Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5033

Interested parties may also express their views or propose changes to the guidelines regulations at any of the following public hearings: TBD

Copies of the existing *Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines* are available through local court clerks' offices, support enforcement offices, or the Commission. Copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained by contacting the commission at the above address.

David A. Mulligan
Commission Chairperson