

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MACOMB

**DEFINITION OF "REASONABLE COST"
FOR PURPOSES OF FRIEND OF THE
COURT ENFORCEMENT OF HEALTH
CARE COVERAGE**

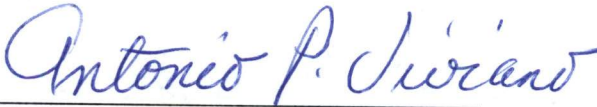
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MCLA 552.511(1)(b) requires the Friend of the Court to take enforcement action when a parent fails to obtain or maintain health care coverage for the parent's child as ordered by the Court. The Michigan Child Support Formula of 2004 Section 3.07(B)(2) defines 'reasonable cost for health care coverage' as follows:

- "a. A reasonable cost for providing private health care coverage does not exceed five percent of the gross income of the providing parent.
- b. Parents with a net income below 133 percent of the federal poverty level (\$1,032) or whose resident child is covered by Medicaid based on that parent's income should not be ordered to contribute toward or provide private coverage, unless private coverage is obtainable without employee contribution.
- c. A providing parent's costs for private health care coverage are unreasonable if the parent's total share of child support, child care, ordinary health care expenses, and net share of health care insurance (not including arrearage payments) exceed 50% of the parent's net income as defined in the Michigan Child Support Formula Manual."

Therefore, the Macomb County Circuit Court defines reasonable cost of health care coverage, when it is not otherwise specified in an order, as outlined in the Michigan Child Support Formula of 2004 Section 3.07(B)(2).

This Order is effective December 13, 2007


Antonio P. Viviano, Chief Judge

Dated: 12/6/07