

Glossary of Terms for the National Medical Support Notice

CCSPC means the “Centralized Child Support Processing Center,” which is the federally required State Disbursement Unit (or “SDU”) for the State of Connecticut. Connecticut’s SDU is a private company under contract with the State to collect, distribute and disburse child support payments for the Title IV-D program.

C.G.S. 52-362(e) and 38a-497a(e) are the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”) that define Connecticut’s withholding limitations for medical support.

CP means “custodial party;” the parent or other person who has primary care, custody and control of a child.

DSS means “Department of Social Services;” the Connecticut state agency with lead responsibility for the state’s Title IV-D child support program. State law designates the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement within DSS as the “IV-D agency” for the State of Connecticut.

ERISA means “Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974,” 29 U.S.C. 1169.

Federal Consumer Credit Protection Act, or “FCCPA,” (15 U.S.C., section 1673(b)) means the law that defines federal income withholding limitations.

HUSKY means Connecticut’s “Healthcare for Uninsured Kids and Youth”; a federally subsidized program that provides free (HUSKY “A”) or low cost (HUSKY “B”) insurance to uninsured qualified Connecticut children. HUSKY is commonly referred to as SCHIP by other states and the federal government.

Issuing Agency means the child support office that issued the National Medical Support Notice (NMSN); in Connecticut, Support Enforcement Services within the Court Operations Division of the Judicial Branch.

IV-D means “Title IV-D (pronounced “4-D”) of the Social Security Act.” Under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, states are required to locate noncustodial parents, establish paternity, establish and enforce financial and medical child support obligations, and collect and distribute support payments.

Medicaid means “HUSKY A” or “Title 19”; State and Federally sponsored free health care coverage for qualified lower income families.

Medical Support means a form of child support where a parent is required by court order to maintain medical or dental insurance coverage for his or her child. The court may order medical support alone or in conjunction with monetary child and/or spousal support.

NCP means “Non-Custodial Parent,” who may also be referred to, in regard to the National Medical Support Notice, as “Your Employee” or the “Participant” or “Obligor.” The NCP is the parent who does not have primary care, custody or control of the child, and may have an obligation to pay child support and provide medical support.

NMSN means “National Medical Support Notice.”

Plan Administrator means the individual, group or union that is responsible for coordinating a company’s health insurance plan.

Prioritization means the process to determine how much and in what order obligations for financial and medical support are to be withheld from an employee’s pay.

PRWORA means “Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996” (Public Law 104-193); the Welfare Reform legislation that included a number of requirements to improve the child support system nationwide.

QMCSO means “Qualified Medical Child Support Order;” an order, decree, or judgment, issued by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction that provides for medical support for a child of a participant under a group health plan or provides for health benefit coverage to such child.

SES means “Support Enforcement Services;” the unit within the Court Operations Division of the Connecticut Judicial Branch that is under cooperative agreement with the Connecticut IV-D Agency to, among other responsibilities, provide court-based enforcement of medical and child support orders.

TANF means “Temporary Assistance to Needy Families;” time-limited public assistance payments made to low-income families based on Title IV-A of the federal Social Security Act. The TANF program replaced the “Aid to Families with Dependent Children” (AFDC) program. The Connecticut TANF program is called “Temporary Family Assistance” (TFA).

Withholding Limitations means legal limits on the amount of money that may be withheld from an employee’s paycheck for taxes, monetary child support, and medical support.