

SAGINAW COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT
INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING
RESPONSE TO MOTION REGARDING CHILD SUPPORT (FOC 51)

Use this Response if: you received a Motion Regarding Child Support from the other party. By filling out this response, you are answering the statements made in that Motion.

FILING YOUR RESPONSE:

- 1) Fill out the FOC 51 Response to Motion Regarding Child Support (use a separate sheet and attach if you need more room to explain).
- 2) Bring, mail, or email your FOC 51 and four copies of your documents to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office located in the basement of the Courthouse at [111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602](https://www.saginawcountymichigan.com/circuitcourtrecordsfiling), circuitcourtrecordsfiling@saginawcounty.com. Please see the County Clerk's website for further electronic filing instructions. If you mail your motion, include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the Clerk to return copies to you.
- 3) There is no fee to file a response to a motion.
- 4) The Court Clerk will keep the original and one copy and return the remaining copies to you.

SERVING YOUR MOTION

- 1) You MUST serve the Response to the other party (and attorney if represented) as soon as possible after filing your motion and at least **5 days before your hearing**. This is done by mailing the Response and all attachments by first class mail to other party/attorney. If you do not have the other party's address, you can obtain it from the Circuit Court Clerk's office.
- 2) After mailing the Response, complete the CERTIFICATE OF MAILING section on the bottom of the Response form.
- 3) YOU MUST FILE YOUR CERTIFICATE OF MAILING: Return to the Clerk's office to file two copies of the certificate of mailing. The court clerk will route a copy to the Friend of the Court.

PREPARING FOR YOUR HEARING

- 1) You must attend the hearing on this motion. If you do not appear, the Referee may make a decision without your attendance. Hearings may be conducted by video conferencing (Zoom). Please review the notice of hearing for Zoom instructions.
- 2) You will need to provide copies of your pay stubs, W2's, tax returns, disability pay, child care expenses and any other documentation of your income at the hearing. Please prepare in advance to produce these documents.

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY	RESPONSE TO MOTION REGARDING SUPPORT	(A) CASE NO.
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Court address

Court telephone no.

(B) Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone no. moving party

Third party name, address, and telephone no. moving party

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Defendant's name, address, and telephone no. moving party

- (C)** 1. a. On _____ a judgment
Date
or order was entered regarding support.
 b. There is currently no order regarding support.

- (D)** 2. The plaintiff defendant is ordered to pay support of \$ _____ each _____ .
week, month, etc.

- (E)** 3. The plaintiff defendant is ordered to pay child care of \$ _____ each _____ .
week, month, etc.

- (F)** 4. The plaintiff defendant is ordered to pay health care of \$ _____ each _____ .
week, month, etc.

- (G)** 5. I agree do not agree that conditions regarding support have changed as stated in the motion.
Explain in detail what you do not agree with and why. Include all necessary facts. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed.

- (H)** 6. I agreed with the other party to start/change support
 a. exactly as stated in the motion.
 b. but not as stated in the motion.
If b is checked, explain in detail what you did agree on. Include all necessary facts. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed.

- (I)** 7. a. I agree with what is being asked for in the motion.
 b. I do not agree with what is being asked for in the motion and ask the court to order that support be paid as follows:
If you do not agree with the request in the motion, explain in detail why and what you want the court to order. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed.

(J) _____
Date

Responding party's signature

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on this date I served a copy of this response on the parties or their attorneys by first-class mail addressed to their last-known addresses as defined in MCR 3.203.

(K) _____
Date

Responding party's signature