

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

**IN RE: POLICY ON CONFINEMENT AND
PREJUDGMENT ARREARAGES IN
PATERNITY AND FAMILY SUPPORT
CASES**

**LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER 2004-07**

At a session of said Court, held in the Kent County Courthouse
in the City of Grand Rapids, in said County on August 2, 2004

Present: HON. PAUL J. SULLIVAN
Chief Circuit Judge

WHEREAS, to clarify Circuit Court orders for the installment payment of lump sum child support obligations;

IT IS ORDERED that:


This administrative order is issued in accordance with State Court Administrative Memorandum 2004-04. The purpose of this order is to clarify Circuit Court orders for the installment payment of lump sum child support obligations.

1. Unless the order specifically provides otherwise, a domestic relations support order that provides that a fixed amount is to be paid in installments shall be interpreted as follows:

The entire amount shall be considered an arrearage to be repaid in installments. The Friend of the Court shall not enforce the arrearage if installment payments are made as ordered. In the event the payer fails to make a payment when it is due, the entire amount shall become payable immediately and the Friend of the Court shall enforce the full amount of the arrearage.

2. This administrative order shall not prohibit a party or the Friend of the Court from seeking modification of the payment arrangements in the order.

Date: *August 2, 2004*



Paul J. Sullivan
Chief Circuit Judge

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