

(II) IF A PARENT IS SELF-EMPLOYED OR HAS RECEIVED AN INCREASE OR DECREASE IN INCOME OF 20% OR MORE IN A 7-YEAR PERIOD WITHIN THE PAST 3 YEARS, THE COURT MAY REQUIRE THAT PARENT TO PROVIDE COPIES OF FEDERAL TAX RETURNS FOR THE 5 MOST RECENT YEARS.

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(A) (1) IF THE COURT DECIDES TO USE THE CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE OF BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION. THE BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION SHALL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE PARENTS IN PROPORTION TO THEIR ADJUSTED GROSS ACTUAL INCOMES.

(2) (1) IF ONE OR BOTH PARENTS HAVE MADE A REQUEST FOR ALIMONY OR MAINTENANCE IN THE PROCEEDING IN WHICH A CHILD SUPPORT AWARD IS SOUGHT, THE COURT SHALL DECIDE THE ISSUE AND AMOUNT OF ALIMONY OR MAINTENANCE BEFORE DETERMINING THE CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION UNDER THESE GUIDELINES.

(III) IF THE COURT AWARDS ALIMONY OR MAINTENANCE, THE AMOUNT OF ALIMONY OR MAINTENANCE AWARDED SHALL BE CONSIDERED ACTUAL INCOME FOR THE RECIPIENT OF THE ALIMONY OR MAINTENANCE AND SHALL BE SUBTRACTED FROM THE INCOME OF THE PAVOR OF THE ALIMONY OR MAINTENANCE UNDER § 12-201(D)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE BEFORE THE COURT DETERMINES THE AMOUNT OF A CHILD SUPPORT AWARD.

(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF A PARENT IS VOLUNTARILY UNEMPLOYED--OR UNDEREMPLOYED IMPOVERISHED, CHILD SUPPORT SHALL MAY BE CALCULATED BASED ON A DETERMINATION OF POTENTIAL INCOME.

(2) A DETERMINATION OF POTENTIAL INCOME MAY NOT BE MADE FOR A PARENT WHO:

(I) IS UNABLE TO WORK BECAUSE OF A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY; OR

(II) IS CARING FOR A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS FOR WHOM THE PARENTS ARE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY RESPONSIBLE.

(C) IF A COMBINED GROSS ADJUSTED ACTUAL INCOME AMOUNT FALLS BETWEEN AMOUNTS SHOWN IN THE SCHEDULE, THE BASIC CHILD SUPPORT AMOUNT SHALL BE EXTRAPOLATED TO THE NEXT HIGHER AMOUNT.

(D) IF THE COMBINED ADJUSTED GROSS ADJUSTED ACTUAL INCOME EXCEEDS THE HIGHEST LEVEL SPECIFIED IN THE SCHEDULE IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT MAY USE ITS DISCRETION IN SETTING THE AMOUNT OF CHILD SUPPORT.