

How to file for Dissolution of Marriage With Children

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What is the Process?

NOTE: The steps for filing for a dissolution may be slightly different in your judicial district. Always check with the Clerk of District Court in your district to make sure that you are following the right procedures.

Need Privacy?

Unless you ask the Court to protect information, everything filed with the court may be viewed by the public. Separate forms may be filed to protect information in your case files from being available for public view. These forms are available in the Privacy Protection Packet, available at www.courts.mt.gov "Forms," at www.MontanaLawHelp.org or by calling or visiting your local Self Help Law Center.

NEED HELP? There are resources available to assist you in filling out these forms.

The Court Help Program. The Court Help Program provides assistance to people representing themselves in court. There are self help law centers located throughout the state to assist you on a walk in basis and travelling appointments to other courthouses. Self help staff are not lawyers and cannot provide legal advice. Staff are informed about the court process and can answer many questions as well as review your forms for completeness. Find the Court Help services near you: www.courts.mt.gov/selfhelp

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State Bar of Montana. If you are interested in hiring an attorney to advise you or represent you in this matter, the State Bar Lawyer and Information Referral Service is a database of attorneys. You can be connected with attorneys for any place in the state to help your family legal matter. Access the Lawyer Referral and Information Service by

visiting www.montanabar.org or calling 1(406)449-6577.

STEP ONE: Fill out the forms you need. Read all of the forms listed in Step two to determine which forms will be most appropriate for your situation. Fill out these forms completely. Be sure to read “Introduction to Family Law in Montana” before you begin filling out the forms. It will highlight the major decisions you will have to make.

STEP TWO: File Documents.

Court documents for a Dissolution with Children are filed at the Clerk of District Court office in the county where you, your Spouse, or your children are living. After filling out the appropriate forms, make 3 sets of copies (4 sets of forms total) of the forms that start your case. Take all of the copies with you to the Clerk of District Court office.

The original set of forms will be kept by the Clerk of Court. One copy you will keep in a safe place, and the other copies you will serve on your Spouse and the Department of Health and Human Services in Step three.

Here is a list of the forms you complete and file with the Clerk of District Court.

1. Dissolution Petition **MP 113**
2. Summons and Automatic Economic Restraining Order **MP 400**
3. Proposed Parenting Plan **MP 300**
4. (If required) Holidays, Vacations, and Special Occasions **MP 300 B**
5. (If required) Limited Parenting Visitation **MP 300 C.**
6. (If required) Description of Existing Medical Coverage **MP 300 G**
7. Proposed Property Distribution **MP 500**
8. Dissolution Decree with Children **MP 703**
9. Vital Statistics form. You can find this form in the back of the packet or online at dphhs.mt.gov/CSED. File this form with the Clerk of Court when you file your other paperwork.

There is a charge for filing for dissolution in Montana. If you have financial hardship and cannot afford to pay the court, you may fill out a Form titled “Affidavit of Inability to Pay Filing Fee,” available at www.courts.mt.gov and at www.MontanaLawHelp.org or by calling or visiting your local Self Help Law Center.

STEP THREE: Serve your Spouse and the Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS).

A. Serving the Department of Health and Human Services.

If you or the other parent receives Title IV-D services or have a case with Child Support Enforcement Division, you must serve the Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) by mailing or delivering to your nearest Child Support

and Enforcement Division (CSED) the following:

1. Notice and Acknowledgement to CSED **MP 404**

AND copies of the following documents that you filed with the Court in Step One:

2. Dissolution Petition **MP 113**
3. Proposed Parenting Plan **MP 300**
4. (If required) Holiday, Vacation and Special Occasions **MP 300 B**
5. (If required) Limited Parenting Time **MP 300 C**
6. (If required) Description of Existing Medical Coverage **MP 300 G**

Follow these steps:

Complete the first 3 pages of **MP 404** with your own information.

On page 4, fill out the top portion with the Judicial District, County, names of the parties, and the case number. Also fill in the address for the Clerk of Court on the last page.

When mailing **MP 404** Notice and Acknowledgement to CSED, include a stamped envelope addressed to the Clerk of Court in your county so it can be mailed back to them.

B. Serving your Spouse.

You must serve your Spouse the following documents by one of the four options described below:

1. Disclosure of Income and Expenses **MP 510**. *This document is not filed with the Court; **MP 510** is only served on your Spouse.

AND copies of the following documents that you filed with the Court in Step One:

2. Summons and Automatic Economic Restraining Order **MP 400**
3. Dissolution Petition **MP 113**
4. Proposed Parenting Plan **MP 300**
5. (If required) Holiday, Vacation and Special Occasions **MP 300 B**
6. (If required) Limited Parenting Time **MP 300 C**
7. (If required) Description of Existing Medical Coverage **MP 300 G**
8. Proposed Property Distribution **MP 500**

You may serve your spouse by one of four methods: (1) Service by Sheriff, (2) Service through Notice and Acknowledgement of your Spouse, (3) a private process server, or (4) Service by Publication. The method of service most appropriate depends on the details of your case and your relationship.

OPTION #1: Service by the Sheriff.

Service by Sheriff may be most appropriate for you if:

- You are concerned about your safety,

- You are not communicating well with your spouse, or
- You would like your case to move forward quickly.

Service by Sheriff is accomplished by delivering or mailing to the Sheriff in the County where your Spouse resides

1. Copies of all documents listed 1-8 above,

AND

2. Original and Copy of the Request for Sheriff to Serve Documents **MP 401**. *The original was given back to you after approved by the Clerk of District Court in Step Two.

The Sherriff Department usually charges a fee for service of process. If you have an Affidavit of Inability to Pay your Filing Fee approved by the Court, the Sheriff may waive the service fee.

OPTION #2: Service through Notice and Acknowledgement of your Spouse.

Service through Notice and Acknowledgment of your Spouse may be most appropriate for you if:

- You have regular communication with your spouse
- You believe you and your spouse will cooperate
- You are willing to allow your Spouse extra time to respond to your petition.

In order to serve your Spouse by acknowledgment, you can hand deliver or send vial mail:

1. Copies of all documents listed 1-8 above,

AND

2. Notice and Acknowledgment of Service **MP 403.1**
3. Acknowledgement of Service **MP 403.2**

OPTION #3: Private Process Server. Service by a personal process server may be appropriate if:

- You are having trouble locating or serving your spouse by other means.
- You have the ability to hire a process server at less cost than a Sheriff (because you do not have an Affidavit of Inability to Pay or you are serving someone out of State).

The personal process server of your choice may specific requirements. Personal process servers will also likely charge a fee. At a minimum, your personal process service must serve your spouse:

1. Copies of all documents listed 1-8 above,

AND

2. Praecipe. This form is available on the State Law Library website.

OPTION #4: Service by Publication. Service by publication is an option of last resort and should only be pursued if:

- All other methods to serve your Spouse have failed

- You and everyone you know have no information about where your Spouse is.

Service by Publication requires a long process of filing many documents with the court. Service by Publication may also involve an additional expense imposed by the newspaper you are ordered to publish notice in:

1. Request for Order Granting Service of Summons by Publication **MP 402.1**
2. Order for Service of Summons by Publication **MP 402.2**
3. Summons for Publication **MP 402.3**

Only after the Court has approved your request and signed an Order allowing Service by Publication can you proceed with service by publication.

STEP FOUR: Wait and work towards a resolution.

After your spouse is served, they have 21 days to respond to the petition. During this time you may discover many important things about your case.

If your spouse disagrees with any part of your proposed property distribution or parenting plan they may file an Answer to your petition. Along with an Answer, your Spouse may file their own proposed property distribution or proposed parenting plan. At that time, you can decide whether there is any room for agreement on some or all of your proposals.

MEDIATION: If you do not agree but you think you could come to some agreement, you may choose to go to mediation. Some courts require litigants to go to mediation before setting a hearing to finalize the case. Mediation is a process where a neutral facilitator (called a “mediator”) helps both people come up with a shared solution. Mediation is confidential and agreements made in mediation will only be filed in Court when both you and your Spouse agree. Mediation can be a cost effective way to find a compromise and speed up the dissolution process.

If, at any time, you change your mind, you may “amend” your proposal by filing a motion and a new version of your proposal. Your Spouse will have additional time to respond to new proposals. If you come to an agreement, you can file with the Court a Notice of Agreement **MP 612** and the proposed agreement in writing.

STEP FIVE: Request a final hearing.

Once the time for your spouse to respond has expired, you can request a hearing to finalize your dissolution. You will now file these forms with the Clerk of District Court:

1. Request for a Hearing and Default by Clerk **MP 701**
*If your Spouse did not respond to your petition, you may request a default judgment on this form. Which means you are asking the Court to consider only what you have filed in making a decision.
2. Order Granting Hearing on Dissolution with Children **MP 702**
3. Dissolution Decree **MP 703**
4. Notice and Entry of Decree **MP 704**

5. (Optional) New proposals or agreements. In order to make sure the Court considers new proposals or agreements between you and your spouse, you will file all completed forms at this time.

STEP SIX: Attend your final hearing.

Attending your hearing is very important. The judge will ask you questions about your marriage and your children. This is the time for the judge to make a decision on your dissolution and parenting plan.

After the judge has made a decision, the Judge will sign the Decree of Dissolution **MP 703**. The Court will adopt the version of the Proposed Property Distribution **MP 500** and Proposed Parenting Plan **MP 300** that the Court considers fair and in the best interest of your children. The Court will indicate which property distribution and parenting plan are "Court Ordered" by signing the document and listing them as an "Exhibit" to the Final Dissolution Decree which you have already completed and filed.

STEP SEVEN: File your Notice and Entry of Decree.

After your hearing, you will need to file your Notice and Entry of Decree **MP 704** with the Clerk of District Court.

Your dissolution is not final until this step is complete. Request a copy of your final Dissolution Decree with Exhibits from the Clerk of District Court. If your Spouse was not present for the hearing, make two copies and mail copies of the following documents to your spouse:

1. Notice of Entry of Decree **MP 704**
2. Dissolution Decree **MP 703**
3. Court Ordered Parenting Plan **MP 300**
4. Court Ordered Property Distribution **MP 500**

Keep your copy of the Decree and Exhibits in a safe place. You can make extra of your Decree for day care providers, schools, and law enforcement.

Document Checklist

- MP 113** - Petition for Dissolution with children (3 copies, 4 total)

Attachments:

- MP 113 B** - Additional Children
- MP 113 C** - Additional Residencies for Children
- MP 113 D** - Additional People Who Claim Custody
- MP 113 E** - Additional Court Cases

- MP 300** Parenting Plan / Signed by Judge: _____ (3 copies, 4 total)

Attachments:

- MP 300 B** – Holiday, Vacation, Special Occasions
- MP 300 C** – Limited Parenting Time
- MP 300 E (Hand-written in top right corner of document)** – CSED Calculation and Order
- MP 300 G** – Description of Existing Medical Coverage

- MP 500** – Property Distribution / Signed by Judge: _____ (2 copies, 3 total)

Attachments:

- MP 500 A** – Additional Real Property
- MP 500 B** – Additional Vehicle
- MP 500 C** – Additional Accounts
- MP 500 D** – Additional Debts

- MP 510** – Income and Expenses (2 copies, 3 total)

Attachments:

- MP 510 A** – Additional Income
- MP 510 B** – Additional Expenses

- MP 400** – Summons and Automatic Economic Restraining Order (2 copies, 3 total)

- MP 404** – Notice and Acknowledgement to CSED and Attorney General

- MP 407** – Notice to Person Not Named

Returned Service Document / Attempts to Serve:

- MP 401** – Request for Sheriff to Serve
- MP 403.2** – Acknowledgement of Service by Certified Mail
 - (Mailed to Respondent but not returned) MP 403.1** – Notice and Request for Acknowledgement
- MP 402.1** – Request for Order Granting Service by Publication

- MP 610.1** -Motion to Adopt Proposed PP as Interim PP and Statement in Support

- Emergency Parenting Plan (blank motion packet and MP 300 Parenting Plan)**

- MP 611.1** - Motion to Request Order for Mediation

- MP 611.2** - Mediation Summary (Mediator fills out)

- MP 611.3** - Order for Mediation

- MP 612** - Notice of Agreement (w/ Attached Exhibits)

- MP 701** – Request for Hearing and Statement of Compliance with Financial Disclosure

- Request for Default**

- MP 702** – Order Granting Hearing on Dissolution

- MP 703** – Dissolution Decree/ Signed by Judge: _____

- MP 704** – Notice of Entry of Decree

- Vital Statistics**



Filing Process for a Dissolution of Marriage with Children (Includes Parenting Plan)

Step 1: Filing Initial Documents (Petitioner)

1. **MP-113** Petition (Attachments used when necessary)
 - a. **MP-113B** Additional Children
 - b. **MP-113C** Additional Residences for Children
 - c. **MP-113D** Additional People Who Claim Custody
 - d. **MP-113E** Additional Court Cases
2. **MP-300** Proposed Parenting Plan (Attachments for specific parenting time schedules if necessary):
 - a. **MP-300B** Holiday, Vacation, Special Occasions
 - b. **MP-300C** Limited Parenting Time
 - c. **MP-300G** Description of Existing Medical Coverage
3. **MP-500** Proposed Property Distribution



Step 2: Service Documents

1. **MP-400** Summons & TRO
2. **MP-510** Disclosure of Income and Expenses (NOT FILED WITH COURT)
 - a. **MP-510A** Additional Income
 - b. **MP-510B** Additional Expenses
3. **MP-404** Notice and Acknowledgement to CSED and Attorney General

*How to Serve the Other Party (All three options require proof of service be filed with Clerk of Court)

- A. **MP-401** Request for Sheriff to Serve or;
- B. **MP-403.1** Notice and Acknowledgement or;
- C. **MP-402.1** Request for Order Granting Service by Publication; **MP-402.2** Order for Service of Summons by Publication; **MP-402.3** Summons for Publication



21 Days for Respondent's Answer (MP-202)



Following Step 2

Step 3 (If Respondent does not file answer): Request for Default Judgement

1. **MP-701** Request for a Hearing and Statement of Compliance with Financial Disclosure
 - a. Petitioner can request default judgement using MP-701
2. **MP-702** Order Granting Hearing on Dissolution
3. **MP-703** Dissolution Decree (entirely filled out by Petitioner)

Step 4 (If Respondent files an answer): Mediation

1. **MP-611.1** Motion to Request Order for Mediation
2. **MP-611.2** Mediation Summary (Mediator fills out)
3. **MP-611.3** Order for Mediation
4. **MP-612** Notice of Agreement (w/ Attached Exhibits)



Step 5: Request for final hearing

1. **MP-701** Request for a Hearing and Statement of Compliance with Financial Disclosure
2. **MP-702** Order Granting Hearing on Dissolution
3. **MP-703** Dissolution Decree (entirely filled out by parties)

Incorporated by reference:

- A. **MP-300** Final Court Ordered Parenting Plan and Parenting Time Attachments
- B. **MP-500** Final Court Ordered Property Distribution
- C. **Child Support Calculation**
4. **MP-704** Notice of Entry of Decree and Vital Statistics (Last filings)

*Interim Parenting Plan can also be request by filing:
MP-610.1 Motion to Adopt Proposed PP as Interim PP and Statement in Support
MP-610.4 Order Adopting Interim PP and Setting Hearing

Name

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner/Plaintiff Respondent/Defendant

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF _____ COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY COURT OF _____, MONTANA

Petitioner / Plaintiff,

and

Respondent / Defendant.

Case No: _____
(leave blank, the clerk will write in)

Statement of Inability to Pay Court Costs and Fees

I have a good cause of action or defense but am unable to pay filing or other court fees. I request the court waive the costs and fees. I provide the following information.

My full legal name is: _____. I was born in this month _____ and this year _____.

I am represented by an entity that provides free legal services to low-income persons.

Or

I am represented by a volunteer/pro bono attorney, and am financially eligible for free legal services. (Attach a certificate of eligibility from legal aid organization to this form.)

Or

I receive one or more of these benefits: (Check the box for each benefit you receive.)

SNAP TANF SSI Medicaid WIC LIEAP

If you checked any one of the three boxes above, skip to the end of this form, and sign the declaration on page 3. You don't need to fill out the remainder of the form.

If you did not check a box above, you may still qualify for a fee waiver. Please continue to fill out pages 2 and 3 of this form so the court has the information it needs to decide if you qualify for the fee waiver.

I. INCOME (Complete this Section to the best of your ability.)

What do you do for work? _____ Who is your employer? _____

What is your household's annual income, before taxes? _____ How many people are in your household? ____
 (The tables below will help you answer these questions, if you are not sure what to put in the blanks.)

If you are unemployed, when were you last employed (Month, Year)? _____ Your job? _____

Are you married? Yes No Separated Getting Divorced **NOTE:** If you are not married, if you and your spouse are separated, or if one of you is filing for dissolution of marriage, you do not need to provide your spouse's income below.

Fill in the chart below with the income received by you, and by your spouse, if applicable. Put a "0" in each blank if you or your spouse don't receive the income listed.

Income Sources	Amount YOU receive per month before taxes	Amount YOUR SPOUSE receives per month before taxes
Employment	\$	\$
Retirement/Pension	\$	\$
Workers' Compensation	\$	\$
Social Security	\$	\$
Unemployment	\$	\$
Government Benefits	\$	\$
Child Support Received	\$	\$
A person or agency pays my rent or other monthly expenses and the amount is: _____	\$	\$
Other Income—e.g., rental income, stocks, investments, etc.—describe: _____	\$	\$
Total here:	\$	\$

What is your household size? How many persons, if any, depend on you financially? If none, then write "N/A" below. Attach another page if needed and check here to tell the court you attached another page:

Dependents (Initials Only)	Age	Relationship to You
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

II. ASSETS *(Complete this Section to the best of your ability.)*

What property do you and your spouse own? Include your spouse's property if you are married and not separated and not filing for dissolution. Fill in the chart below, only listing items that you could sell for \$600 or more. If you don't own an item listed, write "N/A" in the "Value" column for that item. "Value" means the total amount the item(s) identified in a column would sell for, minus the amount you still owe on the item(s), if anything.

Asset	Value
Cash (This includes the money in your savings and checking accounts)	\$
Vehicle 1: provide year, make and model _____	\$
Vehicle 2: provide year, make and model _____	\$
Home where you live now	\$
Real estate or other homes/mobile homes (Not including the home you are living in now)	\$
Recreational vehicle(s) such as snowmobile, ATV, camper/RV, boat, motorcycle, etc.	\$
Guns or other collections	\$
Other Item(s) worth more than \$600—describe: _____	\$

III. DEBTS AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES *(Complete this Section to the best of your ability.)*

What bills do you and your spouse pay each month? Fill in the chart below.

Monthly Expenses	Value
Housing Expense: Mortgage or Rent	\$
General Household Expenses: Utilities, Phone/Internet/Cable, etc.	\$
Insurance Expenses, Healthcare Costs and/or Medical Debt(s)	\$
Childcare Expenses	\$
Other Extraordinary Expenses: e.g., Collection actions, Student Loans—describe:	\$

IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(This Section is optional.)*

If you have additional information that you want the court to consider about your inability to pay court costs, write that information under your signature below or attach an extra page. Check here if you attached another page:

V. DECLARATION *(This Section is Required.)*

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

Date: _____ City: _____ State: _____

YOUR Signature: _____

Court Use Only

- MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY
- IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF _____ COUNTY, STATE OF MONTANA
- IN THE MUNICIPAL OR CITY COURT OF _____, MONTANA

<p>_____, Petitioner / Plaintiff,</p> <p>and</p> <p>_____, Respondent / Defendant.</p>	<p>Case No: _____ (leave blank, the clerk will write in)</p> <p>Order Regarding Statement of Inability to Pay Court Costs</p>
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**Warning! Read carefully the section checked below.
It is a court order.**

- Waiver of court costs is **Granted**. Declarant shall proceed without payment of court fees or costs.
- Temporary Waiver of court costs is **Granted**. Declarant may file without payment of court fees or costs, but the Court may determine at a later time that the declarant has the ability to pay all fees or costs and will require declarant to do so.
- Temporary Waiver of fees is **Granted**. Declarant may file without payment of court fees or costs, but must appear before the Court at _____ a.m/p.m. on the _____ day of _____ and show cause why the declarant lacks the ability to pay all fees or costs.

Warning! If this third box is checked, you must come to court on the date ordered above. If you don't come, the judge will deny your request to waive court costs, and you will have to pay the court costs.

- Waiver of Fees and costs is **Denied**. Waiver is denied based on the following:

Ordered this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Presiding Judge

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner Respondent Co Petitioners

Appearing without a lawyer

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY

<p>In re the Marriage of:</p> <p>_____, <i>(First, Middle, Last)</i> Petitioner <i>(you)</i>,</p> <p>and</p> <p>_____, Respondent <i>(your spouse)</i>.</p>	<p>Case No: _____ <i>(leave blank, the clerk will write in)</i></p> <p>Petition for Dissolution of Marriage</p> <p>with Parenting Plan for Minor Children</p>
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1. Jurisdiction.

- a. Either spouse meets the residency requirements in § 40-4-104, M.C.A. For 90 days before filing this case, either spouse lived or was stationed in Montana.
- b. Our marriage is irretrievably broken because there is serious marital discord which adversely affects the attitude of one of both parties toward the marriage, and there is no reasonable prospect of reconciliation or we lived separate and apart for at least 180 days before this case was filed.
- c. The Montana Conciliation Law (beginning at § 40-3-101, M.C.A.) does not apply in this case.

2. You are the Petitioner. Your information:

Name First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Your e-mail address (optional): _____

MP-113 Petition for Dissolution with Minor Children

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Your Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____

Your Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____

Your Year of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Your occupation: _____

How long have you lived in this county? _____

How long have you lived in Montana? _____

3. Your spouse is the Respondent. Your spouse's information:

Name First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Spouse's e-mail address (optional): _____

Spouse's Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____

Spouse's Physical Address:

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____

Spouse's Year of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Spouse's occupation: _____

How long has your spouse lived in this county? _____

How long has your spouse lived in Montana? _____

4. Your marriage. Choose one.

We were married on (date) _____. We filed our marriage license in _____ County, State of _____.

OR

We were married at common law as of (date) _____. We assumed a marital relationship by mutual consent and agreement. We confirmed our marriage by living together and by public knowledge.

OR

We filed a declaration of marriage on (date) _____ in _____ County, State of _____.

5. Separation. Choose one.

We physically separated on (date) _____.

OR

We have not yet physically separated.

6. Pregnancy. Choose one.

The wife is not pregnant.

OR

The wife is pregnant and the husband is the father.

OR

The wife is pregnant and is unsure who the father is.

OR

The wife is pregnant and the husband is not the father.

Notice: A parenting plan must be filed after the child is born if the wife is pregnant and the husband is the father or the father is not known.

7. All minor children of the marriage, including those born to or adopted by both parties.

Name	Age	Birth Year	Minor primarily lives with:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Other
			<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Other
			<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Other
			<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Other
			<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Other

We have more minor children. *(Fill out MP-113-B and paper clip it to this document)*

8. Child(ren) residence(s).

State law requires this information. You can find this law at § 40-7-110, M.C.A. Start with the children’s current address. Give the information for the past 5 years. If you don’t know the individual’s current address, write “not known” next to their name.

Children’s Names	Address	Starting MM/YY	Ending MM/YY	List all people living at this location, their relationship with child, and current address
			Still lives here	

There are more residences. (Fill out and paper clip Form **MP-113-C** to this document)

9. Jurisdiction of the children. Choose the most accurate description.

Our child(ren) lived in Montana for at least 6 consecutive months immediately before this case was filed. This makes Montana our child(ren)'s home state. If a child(ren) is less than six months old, the child(ren) lived in Montana since birth.

OR

Montana was the home state of the child(ren) within six months of this case being filed, and one parent continues to reside in Montana.

OR

The child(ren) and one parent have significant connections with Montana and substantial evidence about them is in Montana.

OR

The child(ren) are physically present in Montana and have been abandoned, the child(ren) are with a caretaker relative who was given custody, or an emergency exists requiring the child(ren)'s protection.

OR

No other state has jurisdiction over the child(ren) or the other state has declined jurisdiction over the children.

10. Other Court Cases. Choose One.

State law requires this information. You can find this law at § 40-7-110, M.C.A.

I don't know of any other court case that could affect this one.

OR

There are other court cases that could affect this one. Here is the list:

The first court case is:

- Order of Protection Criminal case Adoption Guardianship
 Child and Family Services Other: *(describe)*

Court: _____ Case No: _____

- I participated as a party witness other: _____
- I didn't participate.

The second court case is:

- Order of Protection Criminal case Adoption Guardianship
- Child and Family Services Other: *(describe)*

Court: _____ Case No: _____

- I participated as a party witness other: _____
- I didn't participate.

- There are more court cases. *(Fill out and paper clip Form MP-113-E to this document)*

11. Other people. Choose one:

- I don't know of any other person, not my spouse, who has physical custody or claims to have physical custody or to have visitation rights with a child listed in this petition.

OR

- Here is a list of people who have physical custody or claim to have physical custody or visitation rights with a child listed in this petition:

Name	Address	Child's name	Description
			<input type="checkbox"/> Has physical custody <input type="checkbox"/> Claims physical custody <input type="checkbox"/> Claims visitation rights
			<input type="checkbox"/> Has physical custody <input type="checkbox"/> Claims physical custody <input type="checkbox"/> Claims visitation rights
			<input type="checkbox"/> Has physical custody <input type="checkbox"/> Claims physical custody <input type="checkbox"/> Claims visitation rights

- I understand I must give notice of this case to anyone on this list. *(Fill out and paper clip a copy of Form MP-113-D to this document for each person on this list. Send Form MP-407 to everyone listed.)*

12. Parenting Plan.

It is in the best interest of our child(ren) that this court adopt my proposed parenting plan. This is a document that I filed separately. My proposed parenting plan includes parenting time, child support, and medical support.

NOTICE: State law requires that a child support calculation using the Montana guidelines be filed with this court. I can find this law at §40-4-204, M.C.A.

13. Preliminary Disclosure. *Choose one:*

I served my spouse a description of my income and expenses by using Form MP-510 when I served the petition.

OR

Within 60 days of filing this case I will serve my spouse a description of my income and expenses by using **Form MP-510**.

14. Property Distribution. *Choose one.*

We have marital property, including personal property, real property, other assets, liabilities, and/or debts that need to be distributed as we agree or by the court.

I ask the court to distribute our marital property as described in **Form MP-500** Financial Disclosure and Proposed Property Distribution. I filed this document separately.

OR

We entered into an agreement prior to getting married. (*Write MP-113-A on a copy of the prenuptial agreement and paper clip it to this document.*)

15. Former Name. *Choose one.*

I am asking that my name be restored to my previous name: _____.

OR

I want to keep my current name.

16. Maintenance. *Choose One.*

I am not requesting maintenance.

OR

I am requesting my spouse pay me \$_____ per month until (*date*)_____ for maintenance. The payment must be made on the ____ of each month directly to me.

OR

I am requesting to pay my spouse \$_____ per month until (*date*)_____ for maintenance. The payment must be made on the ____ of each month directly

to my spouse.

I am requesting maintenance because I lack sufficient property to support myself and I am unable to gain employment sufficient to support myself or I need to care for a child with special needs.

17. Other:

I ask the court to take the following action:

1. Enter a decree of dissolution of marriage dissolving our marriage;
2. Adopt the Petitioner's proposed parenting plan, including parenting time, child support, and medical support.
3. Grant each party the marital property, including personal property, real property, other assets, liabilities, and/or debts as stated in the Petitioner's Financial Disclosure and Proposed Property Distribution filed separately.
4. If I asked the Court to do so, restore me to my former name.
5. If I asked the Court to do so, enter an order for maintenance.
6. If the court deems proper, award me my attorneys' fees and court costs pursuant to § 40-4-110, MCA.
7. Other:
 - a. _____

 - b. _____

 - c. _____

8. And for any other relief this court decides is just and proper.

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

Date: _____ City _____ State _____

Your Signature: _____

<p>_____ , <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner ,</p> <p>_____ , <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner .</p>	<p>Case No: _____</p> <p>Attachment: Description of Existing Medical Coverage</p>
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A. Current Coverage. Choose All That Apply.

- i. The child(ren) are presently covered under the following insurance plan:

Carrier Name:

Policy No.:

Petitioner Respondent must continue to provide medical coverage through this plan as long as it is available at a reasonable cost, and as long as no other plan or individual insurance is available that will better serve the interests of the parties.

- ii. The child(ren) receive medical assistance under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (Medicaid).

- iii. The child(ren) are not covered under an existing insurance plan.

a. Respondent Petitioner is required to obtain individual health coverage for the child. Cost for medical coverage including premiums, deductibles, uncovered expenses, and copayments will be divided ___% to Petitioner and ___% to Respondent.

b. Cost for obtaining individual health coverage for the child is unreasonable or not cost effective because:_____.

Respondent Petitioner is responsible for obtaining health coverage for the child when it becomes available to the parent at a reasonable cost. Cost for the medical coverage including premiums, deductibles, uncovered expenses, and copayments will be divided ___% to Petitioner and ___% to Respondent.

MP-300-G Description of Existing Medical Coverage

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address

Petitioner Co Petitioner 1

Appearing without a lawyer

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address

Respondent Co Petitioner 2

Appearing without a lawyer

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY

In re the Parenting of:
_____,
OR
 In re the Marriage of:
_____,
 Petitioner Co-Petitioner 1,
and
_____,
 Respondent Co-Petitioner 2.

Case No: _____

Petitioner's **Respondent's**
 Co-Petitioner 1's **Co-Petitioner 2's**
 Agreed **Court Ordered**

Proposed **Amended**
Parenting Plan

1. Identification of the Parties

a. Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1's

Name: _____

Address: _____

b. Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2's

Name: _____

Address: _____

2. Identification of the Child(ren)

This parenting plan applies to the following minor child(ren) of the parties:

Child's Initials	Age and Birth Year	State of residence for last 6 months

3. Objectives of the Parenting Plan

- a. To protect the best interest(s) of the minor child(ren);
- b. To provide for the physical care of the minor child(ren);
- c. To maintain the child(ren)'s emotional stability and minimize the child(ren)'s exposure to parental conflict;
- d. To provide for the minor child(ren)'s changing needs as they grow and mature;
- e. To set forth the authority and responsibilities of each parent with respect to the minor child(ren);
- f. To help the parents avoid expensive future court battles over the minor child(ren).

4. Residential Schedules for the Child(ren) Paragraphs 4(a) through 4(i) are an example of how to write a parenting plan. You can write your own plan in paragraph 4(j).

a. Pre-School Schedule (Choose One): Pre-school age means children who are not old enough to start kindergarten.

All child(ren) are school age.

or

There are pre-school age child(ren), but the school schedule in paragraph 4(b) applies to all children regardless of their age(s).

or

Before they are old enough to start school, the child(ren) will live mostly with the Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2, except for the following days and times when the other parent will have parenting time with the child(ren):

or

Describe the schedule on what day and time the child(ren) will be with each parent before they are old enough to start school:

b. School Schedule (Choose One):

Applies to child(ren) old enough to be in school.

When they start school, the child(ren) will live mostly with the

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2, except for the following days and times when the other parent will have parenting time with the child(ren):

or

Describe the schedule for the minor child(ren):

c. Holiday and Special Occasion Schedule

No holiday and special occasion schedule applies. The school schedule in paragraph 4(b) or pre-school schedule in paragraph 4(a) will be followed by both parents.

or

The schedule for holidays and special occasions is:

or

(Specify Odd or Even Numbered Years)

HOLIDAY	Petitioner/ Co-Petitioner 1	Respondent/ Co-Petitioner 2
Thanksgiving (Wed. 5:30 p.m. – Sun. 7:00 p.m.)		
First Half of Winter Vacation (includes Christmas) (5:30 p.m. day school lets out to noon of half-way mark)		
Second Half of Winter Vacation (includes New Years) (Noon of half-way mark to 7:00 p.m. of last day of break)		
Easter Weekend (Fri. 5:30 p.m. – Sun. 7:00 p.m.)		
Memorial Day Weekend (Fri. 5:30 p.m. – Mon. 7:00 p.m.)		
Labor Day Weekend (Fri. 5:30 p.m. – Mon. 7:00 p.m.)		
Fourth of July (specify times) (Times: _____)		
Halloween (specify times) (Times: _____)		
Mother’s Day Weekend (Fri. 5:30 p.m. – Sun. 7:00 p.m.)		
Father’s Day Weekend (Fri. 5:30 p.m. – Sun. 7:00 p.m.)		
Child(ren)’s Birthday		
Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1’s Birthday		
Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2’s Birthday		

d. Winter Vacation:

Describe the time the child(ren) will spend with each parent over winter vacation if not listed in the table above:

e. Summer Vacation (Choose One):

No summer vacation schedule applies. The school schedule in paragraph 4(b) or pre-school schedule in paragraph 4(a) will be followed by both parents.

or

The child(ren) will live with Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 during summer vacations, except for these days and times when the child(ren) will spend time with the other parent:

or

Describe the time the child(ren) will spend with each parent over summer vacation:

f. Spring Break (Choose One):

No Spring Break schedule applies. The school schedule in paragraph 4(b) or pre-school schedule in paragraph 4(a) will be followed by both parents.

or

The child(ren) will live with the Petitioner/ Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 during Spring Break, except for these days and times when the child(ren) will spend time with the other parent:

or

Describe the time the child(ren) will spend with each parent over spring break:

g. Other Vacations with Parents

Describe the time the child(ren) will spend with each parent for any other vacations:

h. Priorities under the Residential Schedule

School attendance takes priority over the holiday and special occasion schedule. The child(ren) must attend school and then follow the holiday and special occasion schedule.

If the schedules in this Parenting Plan say the child(ren) are with both parents at

the same time for a time other than school, to figure out where the child(ren) should be, the parents will: (choose one)

follow the schedules in this order: (1 is most important 4 is least important)

- ___ Holidays and Special Occasion
- ___ Winter/Summer/Spring Break
- ___ Other Vacations with Parents
- ___ Pre School Schedule

or

Other:

i. Supervised and Limited Visitation (Choose One):

The residential schedules listed above are not limited or restricted.

or

(i) The Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1's Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2's parenting time shall be supervised or limited because he/she has exhibited the following behavior which is not in the best interest(s) of the minor child(ren):

(ii) It is in the best interest(s) of the minor child(ren) that the Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1's **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2's parenting time be subject to the following conditions:

How Often/ For How Long:

Where:

Supervised by Whom:

(iii) The supervised and limited visitation conditions shall take priority over any other terms of the residential schedule above.

(iv) If the Petitioner/Co-Petitioner **or** 1 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 has completed the following and has followed through with any and all recommendations by the evaluator, treatment counselor, and/or other professional recommendations, the Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 agrees to consider a modification to allow less restricted visitation after _____ months of supervised and limited visitation. (Check All That Apply):

- Alcohol / drug evaluation
- Substance abuse treatment
- Psychological evaluation
- Anger management counseling
- Parenting classes
- Other: _____.
- Other: _____.

j. Other:

5. Benefit Programs and Dependents for Taxes

a. Some state and federal benefit programs require one parent be designated custodian. This doesn't affect parenting rights or responsibilities. It only affects which parent may include the child(ren) when they apply for benefits.

(Choose One)

For the purposes of state and federal benefit programs that require a designation of custodian the Petitioner/Co-Petitioner **or** 1 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 is designated custodian.

or

Other *(specify)*:

b. Taxes

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 will claim all of our children as dependents on

his/her income tax every tax year in odd-numbered tax years in even numbered tax years.

Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 will claim all of our children as dependents on his/her income tax every tax year in odd-numbered tax years in even-numbered tax years.

Other (specify): _____
_____.

Each parent will fill out the necessary tax forms to claim our children as dependents for income tax purposes. This arrangement will begin in the tax year our parenting plan is signed by the court.

6. Transportation (Choose All That Apply):

This is how the child(ren) will get from one parent to the other:

Unless both parents agree, the parents will meet to drop off and pick up the child(ren) at this place:

If there is a cost to get the child(ren) from one parent to the other, this is how the cost will be paid:

If a parent is more than ____ minutes late to pick up the child(ren), the parenting time will be canceled.

7. Passport. (Choose all that apply).

Our children don't have a passport. Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 may apply for a passport for any of our children. The other parent shall cooperate by consenting to the issuance of this passport.

If our children have a passport, it belongs to them. But Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 will be the custodian of the passport.

Other (specify)

_____.

8. Travel with the Child(ren). (Choose all that apply).

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 Both parents may travel freely in the State of Montana with our children. This travel must be in keeping with our parenting time schedule.

Both parents must notify the other parent when they are traveling out of the State of Montana with the child(ren) and provide an itinerary.

Other (*specify*) _____

9. Telephone Contact (Choose One):

While the child(ren) are with one parent, the other parent may speak with the child(ren) at reasonable times.

or

While the child(ren) are with one parent, the other parent may only speak with the child(ren) at the following times:

10. Co-Parenting Guidelines (Choose All That Apply):

Each parent shall promote a healthy, beneficial relationship between the child(ren) and the other parent and shall not demean or speak out negatively in any manner that would damage the relationship between either parent and the child(ren).

Each parent will notify the other parent at least _____ days in advance if the parent needs to miss or reschedule parenting time. The missed time will be rescheduled if both parents agree. Both parents are expected to be reasonable in rescheduling parenting time.

Each parent will supply the appropriate child(ren)'s clothing with them for their scheduled time with the other parent. These clothes are to be considered the child(ren)'s clothes and will be returned with the child(ren).

Each parent will provide separate clothes for the child(ren) at their own residence, unless mutually agreed to by both parents. In the cold months of the year, both parents are required to have adequate boots, gloves, hats, and jackets for the child(ren), unless mutually agreed to by both parents.

If a parent plans a special activity that requires clothing and/or equipment that would normally not be with the child(ren), it is that parent's responsibility to check to see if the child(ren) have such clothing and/or equipment with the other

parent, to ask that the clothing and/or equipment travels with the child(ren), and to ensure that the clothing and/or equipment is returned with the child(ren).

Each parent will be responsible for ensuring that the child(ren) attend regularly scheduled activities, including but not limited to sports and extra-curricular activities, while the child(ren) are with that parent.

Neither parent will permit the child(ren) to be subjected to:
(Choose All That Apply):

Persons abusing alcohol or using illegal drugs within 24 hours of contact with the child(ren). This includes the abuse of alcohol or the use of illegal drugs by the parent.

Smoking environment.

Use of profane language.

Removal of the child(ren) from Montana, except as authorized by the Court or mutually agreed to by both parents.

Other: _____

Other: _____

Relationships between the child(ren) and relatives and family friends on both sides of the family will be protected and encouraged. The parents will have their child(ren) maintain ties with both the maternal and paternal relatives.

11. Decision Making

a. Both parents have the right to make emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of our children.

b. We have the right to make decisions about the day-to-day care and control of our children while they are with us.

Choose any that apply.

c. We will make major decisions about our children's education together. If we cannot agree, the decision will be made by Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2.

d. We will make major decisions about our children's non-emergency health care together. If we cannot agree, the decision will be made by Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2.

e. We will make major decisions about our children's spiritual development together. If we cannot agree, the decision will be made by Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 **or** either party during their respective parenting time.

f. We will make major decisions about our children's extra-curricular activities

together. If we cannot agree, the decision will be made by Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 **or** either party during their respective parenting time.

or

- g.** Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 will be the sole decision maker about major decisions for our children's lives, including education non-emergency health care, spiritual development, and extra-curricular activities. This is in our children's best interest because:

Other (*specify*):

- h.** The consent of both parents shall be required before any minor child(ren) shall be permitted to (Choose All That Apply):

- Get a tattoo
- Pierce any body part
- Marry
- Enlist in the armed services
- Other: _____
- Other: _____
- Other: _____

Emergency Decisions

Regardless of the allocation of decision making in this parenting plan, each parent shall be authorized to make emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the child(ren).

12. Access to Information

As required by M.C.A. § 40-4-225, both parents shall have access to all information relating to their child(ren) including, but not limited to, school records, law enforcement, counseling records, medical and dental records.

As required by M.C.A. § 40-4-204(6)(a), both parents shall update each other and the Court with written notice of changes to the following information:

- (i) Residential and mailing addresses;
- (ii) Telephone number;
- (iii) Social Security number;
- (iv) Driver's license number;

- (v) Name, address, and phone number of employers;
- (vi) Health insurance coverage for the child(ren);
- (vii) Health insurance available through either parent's employer which could cover the minor child(ren).

It is appropriate that the personal information of the Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 shall remain confidential and shall not be provided to the other parent because:

13. Residential Changes: If either parent's change of residence will significantly affect the children's contact with the other parent, the parties shall follow the procedure outlined by §40-4-217, MCA, specifically:

a. A parent who intends to change residence shall provide written notice to the other parent.

b. If a parent's change in residence will significantly affect the children's contact with the other parent, the parent who intends to change residence shall, file a motion for amendment of the residential schedule and a proposed revised residential schedule with the court that adopted the residential schedule or the court to which jurisdiction or venue over the children has been transferred. The motion must be served personally or by certified mail on the other parent and served pursuant to the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure on the parent's attorney of record, if the parent has an attorney of record, not less than 30 days before the proposed change in residence.

The notice pursuant to this subsection 13b is not sufficient unless it contains the following statement: "*The relocation of the children may be permitted and the proposed revised residential schedule may be ordered by the court without further proceedings unless within 21 days you file a response and alternate revised residential schedule with the court and serve your response on the person proposing the move and all other persons entitled by the court order to residential time or visitation with the children.*"

c. The parent who receives service of a motion to amend the parenting plan pursuant to this section has 21 days after service of the motion to file a response. If the parent receiving notice objects to the proposed revised residential schedule, the responding parent shall include an alternate proposed revised residential schedule with the response. The response must be served as provided for by the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure on the parent proposing to change residence or on the parent's attorney of record if the parent has an attorney of record.

d. If a parent is properly served with a motion to amend the parenting plan

pursuant to this section, failure to file a response within the 21-day period constitutes acceptance of the proposed revised residential schedule.

e. A person entitled to file an objection to the proposed relocation of the children may file the objection regardless of whether the person has received proper notice.

14. Review of Parenting Plan

As children grow and develop, what the children need from each parent changes. What is appropriate for a child at one age is not appropriate at another. It is in the best interest of the child(ren) for the parents to: (Choose One)

Review and amend this parenting plan at the following time(s):

or

Review and amend this parenting plan only if there is a change in the circumstances of the child(ren).

15. Dispute Resolution

We will review this parenting plan with each other when there is a significant change of circumstance. When we disagree about this parenting plan, we will act in the best interest of our children. **Choose One:**

We will:

- Step 1: Try to resolve our issues through informal discussion;
- Step 2: If possible, we will take our issues to a professional mediator.

We agree our first-choice of mediator will be

We agree that Father will pay _____% and Mother will pay _____% of the cost of the mediator.

- Step 3: If we are unable to resolve our issues, we will file a formal motion and ask the court to decide.

or

Mediation is not appropriate because there is reason to suspect domestic violence and we will ask the judge to decide our issues through a formal motion.

16. Child Support. (Choose One)

a. Child Support Amount.

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 must pay
\$_____ per child per month in child support to the other parent because:

(Choose one)

This amount is consistent with the attached final Child Support
Enforcement Division Order signed by the Administrative Law Judge.
(Attach a copy of the CSED Order)

or

This amount is consistent with the child support calculation prepared by
 Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 The Court
 other _____ (Attach a copy of the calculation)

or

This amount is not consistent with the child support amount prepared by
 Child Support Enforcement Division Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1
 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 The Court or other _____;
however, this amount is in the best interest of our child because:

_____.

or

b. Child Support Needs to Be Calculated

Child Support Enforcement Division, CSED, has opened a case and the
case number is _____. Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1
 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 will file the CSED Order along with the
Request for a Hearing on the Dissolution/Parenting Plan proceeding.

or

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 will open a case
with CSED within 30 days of signing this Parenting Plan. The Court will
order the parties to comply with opening a CSED case and submitting the
necessary documents for CSED to determine child support. **Your Court
may not allow this option.**

Other: _____

_____.

c. Child Support Payments. (Choose One).

- On or before the first of every month, Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 must make payments to Child Support Enforcement Division. Payments must be made to CSED if a party is receiving Title IV-A Benefits (TANF, Family Medicaid), or Title IV-D benefit (if there is an active case with CSED). We can find this law at § 40-5-909, M.C.A.

or

- Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1's Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2's income is subject to immediate income withholding. We can find this law beginning at §40-5-315, M.C.A.

or

- On or before the _____ day of each month, Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 must make payments directly to Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2. The child support order is exempt from immediate income withholding because:

or

- On or before the first of each month, Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 must make payments to the Clerk of District Court.

d. Child Support Termination. Child support payments must continue until:

(Choose One).

- Each child turns 18 or graduates from high school, whichever occurs later but no later than when the child turns 19.

or

- Respondent/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 2 agrees to continue to pay child support for _____ (initials of child) who is disabled past the age of majority because the child will continue to be financially dependent on Respondent/Co-Petitioner 1 **or** Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 2. Child support will be paid until: _____ (month and year.)

17. Medical Support. *(Choose One).*

The medical support order is included in the attached Child Support Order

or

The medical support order is separate, and I am attaching it.

or

The minor children need their medical and dental expenses to be covered. There is no medical support order and the court should adopt the attached medical support order.

Our responsibilities:

- a. We will fill out, sign, and deliver all necessary documents to the insurance company to make sure our children are continuously covered under the plan.
- b. We will timely submit claims to the insurance company for processing.
- c. We will give each other insurance cards or other methods for access to coverage.
- d. If the insurance company reimburses a parent who didn't pay the bill, that parent will immediately pay the parent who did pay the bill.
- e. If one of us is responsible for paying medical costs and expenses and we don't pay, the court may enter a judgment against us for unpaid support. The Court may hold that parent in contempt for non-payment of support.
- f. If we are responsible for paying the insurance premium and we don't, the other parent, the Department of Public Health and Human Services, or other responsible party, may pay the premium. The court may enter a judgment against the nonpaying parent for unpaid support. The Court may hold that parent in contempt for non-payment.

NOTICE: The court may impose civil penalties for intentionally violating the medical support order. You can find this law at §40-5-821, M.C.A.

18. Other Provisions:

19. Request for Parenting Plan be Ordered by the Court.

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 Respondent/ Co-Petitioner 2 request(s) the Court adopt this Parenting Plan as the final and enforceable Parenting Plan.

WARNING: One parent's failure to comply with a provision of the parenting plan will not affect the other parent's obligation to comply with the parenting plan. Violation of any provision of this order with actual knowledge of its terms is punishable by contempt of court and may be a criminal offense under M.C.A. §§ 45-5-631 or 45-7-309. Violation of the Final Parenting Plan may subject a violator to arrest and a fine up to \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail.

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Petitioner/ Co-Petitioner 1

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Respondent/ Co-Petitioner 2

(Leave the following section blank. It is for the Judge to use.)

ORDER BY THE COURT

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Parenting Plan set forth above is adopted and approved as an Order of this Court.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE STANDING MASTER

NOTICE: The cost of medical insurance or health benefit plan may be considered in a child support calculation if it is known at the time of calculation, but it is not necessarily a dollar for dollar credit.

B. Contingency Medical Support.

If the minor child(ren) are either (i) covered by Medicaid, (ii) are not covered under an existing insurance plan, or (iii) if the existing coverage becomes no longer available, the following provisions shall apply:

- a. The Petitioner must provide medical coverage for the child(ren), as long as it is available at reasonable cost, and as long as there is no other insurance plan that will better serve the parties.
- b. The Respondent must provide medical coverage for the child(ren), as long as it is available at reasonable cost, and as long as there is no other insurance plan that will better serve the parties.
- c. Both parties must provide insurance, if both parents have insurance plans that are at a combined reasonable cost and whose benefits are complementary or compatible with each other.
- e. If the primary parent has obtained individual insurance or a health benefits plan for the child, both parents may agree in writing to share the costs of maintaining the coverage.
- f. If circumstances change and a party believes that changes in cost are not reasonable or cost-beneficial, the party may ask the court to change the medical support order.

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner Co-Petitioner 1

Respondent Co-Petitioner 2

Appearing without a lawyer

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY

In re the Marriage of:

_____,
 Petitioner Co-Petitioner 1,

and

_____,
 Respondent Co-Petitioner 2.

Case No: _____

Petitioner **Respondent**

Agreed **Court Ordered**

Proposed **Amended**

Property Distribution

Warning: Montana law, §40-4-252, M.C.A. requires the full disclosure of all assets, debts, income, and expenses. I understand that I am required to tell my spouse about all of the assets, debts, income and expenses that I know about. My spouse is required to do the same for me.

This Proposed Property Distribution along with Form MP-510 Disclosure of Income and Expenses has been served on my spouse.

If I don't tell my spouse about something, the court may give me a penalty. The court gets to decide what the penalty will be. I am giving all of the information I know about the assets and debts listed on this form and writing "unknown" in the spaces for the information I don't know.

1. Real Property. Real property is land and the building(s) on the land. Real property also includes part ownership, for example when all the members of a family share a ranch. Real property does not include trailer, mobile, or manufactured homes unless the Department of Justice has officially recognized said structure as an improvement to the land pursuant to MCA 15-1-116 and issued appropriate documentation of such as required by law. Any owned parcel upon which a trailer, mobile, or manufactured home sits is real property regardless of the status of said structure.

Choose One.

I do not own any real property and my spouse does not own any real property

OR

I am listing the real property that my spouse and I own, regardless of whether we own it separately or together. The distribution of any debt(s) associated with the real property(ies) described below is listed in Section 8 dealing with debt distribution.

I/we request distribution as follows:

Description	Value	Name on Deed	Distributed to
Address: _____ _____ Legal Description: _____ _____ _____ Is there a secured debt on the property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, list all debt information in Section 8			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ _____

Choose one.

Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 or Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 shall receive the home as his/her separate property and shall be responsible for all costs associated with the home so long as the home is refinanced no later than *(date)* _____. If the home is not refinanced by that date, for any reason, the parties agree that the home will be sold and the net proceeds divided ___% to Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 and ___% to Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2. The home will be listed for sale no more than 30 days after the refinance date. In the event the home is listed for sale and until the home is sold, the parties shall be responsible to pay all costs of the home including but not limited to the mortgage payment, taxes, insurance, maintenance and upkeep with

Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 responsible to pay ____% and Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 responsible to pay ____%. Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 or Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 shall be entitled to live in the home pending the sale of the home.

OR

The home will be listed for sale no later than 30 days after the date the Decree of Dissolution is ordered by this court and the net proceeds divided ____% to Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 and ____% to Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2. Until the home is sold, the parties shall be responsible to pay all costs of the home including but not limited to the mortgage payment, taxes, insurance, maintenance and upkeep with Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 responsible to pay ____% and Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 responsible to pay ____%. Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 or Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 shall be entitled to live in the home pending the sale of the home.

OR

Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 or Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 shall have exclusive possession of the home until 90 days after the youngest child reaches the age of 18 or graduates from high school, whichever is later. The home must be listed for sale no later than 90 days after the youngest child turns 18 or graduates from high school whichever is later. The net proceeds of the sale will be divided ____% to Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 and ____% to Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2. The parties shall be responsible to pay all costs of the home including but not limited to the mortgage payment, taxes, insurance, maintenance and upkeep with Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 responsible to pay ____% and Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 responsible to pay ____% until the home is sold.

OR

Other: _____

Note: "Net proceeds" as used in this paragraph includes any escrow refund.

2. Vehicles. Any trailer, mobile, or manufactured home, regardless of whether it was constructed before or after 1976, is considered a vehicle unless otherwise deemed an improvement to land by the Department of Justice pursuant to MCA 15-1-116.

Choose one.

Neither my spouse nor I have any vehicles.

OR

My spouse and I have the following vehicles. The distribution of any debt(s) associated with the vehicle(s) described below is listed in Section 8 dealing with debt distribution.

I/we request distribution as follows:

Description	Value	Name on Title	Distributed to
Year/Make/Model: _____ VIN#: _____ Is there an outstanding loan on the vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, list debt information in Section 8.			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ _____
Year/Make/Model: _____ VIN#: _____ Is there an outstanding loan on the vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, list debt information in Section 8.			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ _____
Year/Make/Model: _____ VIN#: _____ Is there an outstanding loan on the vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, list debt information in Section 8.			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ _____
Year/Make/Model: _____ VIN#: _____ Is there an outstanding loan on the vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, list debt information in Section 8			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ _____

3. Bank Accounts, Certificates of Deposit, and Cash. Choose One.

Neither my spouse nor I have any bank accounts, certificates of deposit, or cash.

OR

I am listing the bank accounts and cash that my spouse and I own, regardless of whether we own them separately or together. I request distribution of the bank accounts and cash as follows:

Description <i>Include name of bank and only the last four digits of the account number</i>	Balance as of __/__/__	Percentage of Ownership	Distributed to:
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____

4. Pensions/Retirement Accounts; Life Insurance; Stocks, Bonds, Secured Notes, Health Savings Accounts, and Mutual Funds. Choose One:

Neither my spouse nor I have any pensions/retirement accounts, life insurance, stocks, bonds, secured notes, health savings accounts, or mutual funds.

OR

My spouse and I have the following pensions/retirement accounts, life insurance, stocks, bonds, secured notes, health savings accounts, or mutual funds and request distribution as follows:

Description	Cash Value	Percentage of Ownership	Distributed to
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
		%__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____

5. Personal Property (including appliances, pets, furniture, jewelry, art, guns, etc.).

I request the following distribution of our personal property:

Description	Value	Current Possession	Distributed to
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other:_____
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other:_____
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other:_____

Description	Value	Current Possession	Distributed to
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other:_____
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other:_____
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other:_____
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Other:_____

6. Business Interests (including equipment, tools, livestock, etc.). **Choose One.**

Neither my spouse nor I have any business interests.

OR

My spouse and I have the following business interests and request distribution as follows:

Description	Cash Value	Percentage of Ownership	Distributed to
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____

		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
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7. Other Assets. Choose one.

Neither my spouse nor I have any other assets.

OR

My spouse and I have the following assets and request distribution as follows:

Description	Cash Value	Percentage of Ownership	Distributed to
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
		%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____	%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____

8. Disclosure of Debts. Choose One.

Neither my spouse nor I have any debts.

OR

My spouse and I have the following debts and request distribution as follows:

Description	Creditor	Amount	Balance As of: _/_/___	Name or Names on Debt Now	Distribute To
Home/Real Property Loan(s) (including mortgage(s), home equity line of credit(s), and any other secured debts against the real property listed in Section 1, and any attachments):					
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
Description	Creditor	Amount	Balance As of: _/_/___	Name or Names on Debt Now	Distribute To
Vehicle Loan(s) (Including any debt(s) on the vehicle(s) listed in Section 2, and any attachments):					
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
Past Due Utility Bill(s):					
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____

Description	Creditor	Amount	Balance As of: _/_/___	Name or Names on Debt Now	Distribute To
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
Credit Card(s):					
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
Student Loan(s):					
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____

Past Due Medical Bills:					
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
Other Liabilities:					
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____
					%__ Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1 %__ Respondent / Co-Petitioner 2 Other:_____

9. Additional Assets or Debts. Choose one.

All of our assets and debts are listed on this form.

OR

We have additional assets or debts that do not fit on this form. The additional assets or debts are listed on additional pages attached to this form, or on optional attachment forms MP-500-A, MP-500-B, MP-500-C, or MP-500-D which are attached to this form.

10. Other: _____

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a

crime to give false information in this document.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

City _____ State _____

Sign Here: _____

Print Name: _____

Petitioner / Co-Petitioner 1

Respondent

(Only complete this section if you are filing jointly as Co Petitioners)

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

City _____ State _____

Other spouse sign here: _____

Print Name: _____

Co-Petitioner 2

(Leave the following section blank. It is for the Judge to use.)

ORDER BY THE COURT

- The Court found this property distribution to be equitable.
- The Court orders the parties to follow the terms of this property distribution.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE / STANDING MASTER

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner Respondent Co Petitioner

Appearing without a lawyer

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY

In re the Marriage of:

_____,
 Petitioner,

and

_____,
 Respondent Co Petitioner.

Case No: _____

Petitioner **Respondent**
 Co-Petitioner **Amended**

Disclosure of Income and Expenses

Warning: Montana law, §40-4-252, M.C.A. requires the full disclosure of all assets, debts, income, and expenses. I understand that I am required to tell my spouse about all of the assets, debts, income and expenses that I know about. My spouse is required to do the same for me.

This Disclosure of Income and Expenses along with Form MP-500 Proposed Property Distribution has been served on my spouse.

If I don't tell my spouse about something, the court may give me a penalty. The court gets to decide what the penalty will be. I am providing all of the information I know about the income and expenses listed on this form and writing "unknown" in the spaces for the information I don't know.

NOTE: This Document is served on the **other party only** and **cannot be filed with the Court** unless the Court specifically orders you to file it. The following is being served as required by §§ 40-4-252 through 254, M.C.A.

1. Disclosure of Income

Source of Income		Amount per Month
Gross Wages, Salary, Commissions	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Income from Rents, Interest, Dividends	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Self Employment Earnings	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Unemployment or Worker's Compensation	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

Social Security Benefits, including SSI, SSDI	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Public Assistance (including TANF and LIEAP)	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Food Stamps	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Pension, Retirement	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Child Support	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

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Dependent's Benefits	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Other Income (<i>describe</i>):	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Monthly Total	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

(If you have additional income, complete and staple **Form MP-510-A** to this document.)

2. Disclosure of Expenses

Description of Expense		Amount per Month
Taxes and withholdings	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Retirement Contribution	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Health Insurance (self and children)	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Medical Expenses	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Rent or Housing (including property taxes and insurance relating to housing)	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Transportation	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Car Insurance	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Student Loans	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Utilities	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

MP-510 Income and Expense Disclosure

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Telephone (cell phone and land line)	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Clothing	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

Food and Household Supplies	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Child Care	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Union Dues	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Child Support Payments	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Other: (describe)	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Monthly Total	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

(If you have additional expenses, complete and staple **Form MP-510-B** to this document.)

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

City _____ State _____

Sign Here: _____

Print Name: _____

Petitioner Respondent Co-Petitioner

MP-510 Income and Expense Disclosure

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<p>_____,'</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner,</p> <p>and</p> <p>_____,'</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner.</p>	<p>Case No: _____</p> <p>Attachment: Additional Income Sheet ____ of ____.</p>
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Description of Income		Amount per Month
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

<p>_____,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner,</p> <p>and</p> <p>_____,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner.</p>	<p>Case No: _____</p> <p>Attachment: Additional Expenses Sheet ____ of ____.</p>
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Description of Income		Amount per Month
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

In re the Marriage of: _____, Petitioner (you), and _____, Respondent (your spouse).	Case No: _____ <i>(leave blank, the clerk will complete)</i> Summons and Automatic Economic Restraining Order by Clerk of Court
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NOTICE: You are named in this family-law lawsuit. The court may make a decision without your involvement unless you submit a written response to the court and to the Petitioner within 21 days. Read the information below.

A Petition has been filed with the Clerk of District Court asking the court to dissolve your marriage. You are receiving a copy of the Petition for Dissolution with this Summons.

You must submit a written response to the Clerk of District Court and send a copy to the Petitioner within 21 calendar days. Day 1 of the 21-day period is the day after you received this Summons. If the 21st day falls on a weekend or court holiday, you may submit your response on the next business day. You must either pay a fee to submit your response or ask the court in writing to waive the fee. You can find forms for responding to a petition and waiving court fees at: www.courts.mt.gov.

If you do not submit a response, the court may give Petitioner everything they asked for in the Petition.

IMPORTANT: An Automatic Economic Restraining Order is in effect. The Order applies to both the Petitioner and Respondent until this lawsuit is over. The Order means you can't sell, give away, borrow against, or hide property or money. There are exceptions in the Order. The Petitioner and Respondent can agree in writing to do something with property or money. You can ask the Court to let you do something with property or money. The Order tells you how to ask the Court to let you do something with property or money. If you don't follow the Order the Court can give you a penalty. Please read the Order carefully. If you have questions you should talk to an attorney.

AUTOMATIC ECONOMIC RESTRAINING ORDER

It is hereby Ordered:

(1) The parties are restrained from transferring, encumbering, concealing, or in any way disposing of, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, any marital property, except:

- (a) for expenses necessary to reasonably maintain the marital standard of living or for the necessities of life, such as food, clothing, shelter, necessary health care expenses, transportation to and from work, and child care, taking into consideration additional living expenses arising out of a party obtaining a second household and current available income;
- (b) in the customary and usual course of operating an existing business; or
- (c) for the purpose of paying a reasonable amount for professional fees and costs relating to a proceeding under Title 40, chapter 1, part 4, Title 40, chapter 4, or Title 40, chapter 15.

(2) Each party shall file a notice with the court of any proposed extraordinary expenditure, proposed revocation of a nonprobate transfer, or proposed elimination of a right of survivorship to property at least 14 days before the action is taken.

(a) The notice must include:

- (i) the proposed action and when the action is intended to occur;
- (ii) how the proposed action may impact the marital estate; and
- (iii) why the proposed action is necessary at that time.

(b) The notice is not sufficient unless the notice contains the following statement:

"The moving party's proposed action will be permitted without further proceedings or order of the court unless within 14 days of the date of filing of the notice you file with the court and serve on all persons entitled to notice a response objecting to the proposed action, which states the reasons for your objection."

(c) If the other party files an objection to the proposed action before the expiration of the 14-day period, the party proposing to take the action is

prohibited from taking the proposed action until the court rules on the proposed action.

(d) The burden of justifying the proposed action is on the party proposing the action. The court may award reasonable attorney fees if a party makes an unreasonable request for or an unreasonable objection to the proposed action.

(e) A "nonprobate transfer" means an instrument, other than a will, that makes a transfer of property on death, including a revocable trust, a pay-on-death account in a financial institution, a transfer on death registration of personal property, or a revocable transfer on death deed.

(3) The parties are restrained from:

(a) canceling jointly held credit cards or terminating signatory authority of the other party on a credit card;

(b) incurring unreasonable debt, including but not limited to further borrowing against any credit line secured by the family residence, further encumbrancing of any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit cards, except as provided for in subsections (1)(a) through (1)(c) or subsection (2);

(c) except as allowed by subsections (1)(a) through (1)(c) or subsection (2), making any withdrawal for any purpose or borrowing from any deferred compensation, retirement, profit-sharing, pension, death, or other employee benefit plan or employee savings plan or from any individual retirement account or Keogh account;

(d) except as allowed by subsections (1)(a) through (1)(c) or subsection (2), withdrawing or borrowing in any manner all or any part of the cash surrender value of any life insurance policies on either party or any of their children;

(e) changing or in any manner altering the beneficiary designation on any life insurance policies on either party or their children or changing or in any manner altering the beneficiary on any other account or asset;

(f) canceling, altering, or allowing to lapse any existing property, life, automobile, or health insurance policies insuring the parties' or children's property or persons;

- (g) negotiating any instrument, check, draft, income tax refund, insurance payment, or dividends payable jointly to the parties or individually to the other party without the personal signature or prior written consent of the other party;
- (h) opening, diverting, or withholding mail, e-mail, or other electronic communications addressed to the other party, except a party may open mail, e-mail, or other electronic communications addressed to both parties or submit a notice of change of the party's individual mail, e-mail, or other electronic address; and
- (i) without objectively reasonable justification, intentionally or knowingly damaging or destroying the property of the parties or of either party during the pendency of this action, specifically including but not limited to any electronically stored materials, electronic communications, or financial records, without order of the court or written consent of the other party.

(4) Unless otherwise ordered by the court, a party is not restrained from:

- (a) creating, modifying, or revoking a will;
- (b) revoking or changing a power of attorney; or
- (c) creating an unfunded revocable or irrevocable trust.

(5) This order does not adversely affect the rights, title, or interest of a purchaser, encumbrancer, or lessee for value if the purchaser, encumbrancer, or lessee does not have actual knowledge of this order.

(6) The court may expand, limit, modify, or revoke this order, and nothing prevents either party from requesting such relief. Furthermore, the parties, with joint agreement, may waive in writing some or all of the provisions of this order.

(7) The parties shall serve preliminary financial disclosures within 60 days of service of the petition for dissolution, declaration of invalidity of marriage, or legal separation pursuant to 40-4-252.

(8) This order is binding on the Petitioner on filing of the petition, and this order is binding on the Respondent on service of the petition.

(9) In issuing any temporary orders or in a final decree, the court may consider any action taken by the petitioner within a reasonable time prior to filing of the petition that would otherwise have constituted a violation of this order had this order been issued at the time.

(10) Except as otherwise ordered by the court, this order is dissolved on dismissal of the action or granting of the declaration of invalidity, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or other final order.

(11) Failure to follow this automatic economic restraining order is subject to enforcement by the court, on a motion to the court. The court may issue any appropriate enforcement order including, if appropriate, sanctions and all remedies for contempt of court.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20____.

(Seal)

Clerk of Court

By:

Deputy Clerk

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)
Petitioner

MONTANA _____ **JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT** _____ **COUNTY**

In re the Marriage of:

OR

In re the Parenting of:

_____ ,

Petitioner (*you*),

and

Respondent (*your spouse*).

Case No: _____
(leave blank, the clerk will complete)

**Request for Sheriff
to Serve Documents**

To the Sheriff of _____ County:

Please serve upon the Respondent the following documents:

- A** [] Summons (original and one copy)
- B** [] Automatic Economic Restraining Order
- B** [] Petition for Dissolution of Marriage
- B** [] Petitioner's Declaration of Income and Expenses
- B** [] Petitioner's Proposed Property Distribution
- C** [] Petitioner's Proposed Parenting Plan
- D** [] Petition for Parenting Plan
- C** [] Optional: Notice and Acknowledgment to Child Support Enforcement Division
- C** [] Optional: Notice of Filing Montana Child Support Guidelines Financial Affidavit
- [] _____
- [] _____

If filing for a **dissolution with children** include forms marked **A, B, and C**

If filing for a **dissolution without children** include forms marked **A and B**

If filing for a **parenting plan** include forms marked **A, C, and D**

Also enclosed is:

The Petitioner's Affidavit and Order of Inability to Pay Filing Fees which waives the fee for service in this matter;

OR

\$_____ to cover the fee for service in this matter

1. Physical Description of Respondent: ___ ft ___ inches. Hair color _____ Eye Color _____
Other: _____

2. The Respondent does not/ does carry a weapon.

3. At present, the Respondent can be found:

At his/her residence: _____
_____.

Times normally at this address: ___:___ a/p to ___:___ a/p and ___:___ a/p to ___:___ a/p.

Other: _____.

At his/her place of employment: _____
_____.

Times normally at this address: ___:___ a/p to ___:___ a/p and ___:___ a/p to ___:___ a/p.

Other: _____.

Other location: _____
_____.

Times normally at this address: ___:___ a/p to ___:___ a/p and ___:___ a/p to ___:___ a/p.

Other: _____.

Please serve the papers on the Respondent as soon as possible. Please return the original Summons to me at the address above, along with proof of service or a statement that you were unable to locate the Respondent.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Petitioner (sign here)

Record of Service (for Sheriff's use only)

I certify that: **Choose One**

- I personally served the following documents:
 - Summons (original and one copy)
 - Automatic Economic Restraining Order
 - Petition for Dissolution of Marriage
 - Petitioner's Declaration of Income and Expenses
 - Petitioner's Proposed Property Distribution
 - Petitioner's Proposed Parenting Plan
 - Petition for Parenting Plan
 - Optional: Notice and Acknowledgment to Child Support Enforcement Division
 - Optional: Notice of Filing Montana Child Support Guidelines Financial Affidavit
 - _____
 - _____

on the Respondent by delivering a copy to him/her personally on the ____ day of _____, 20____, at _____ in the County of _____, State of _____.

OR

- After due effort, I was unable to locate or serve the Respondent in the County of _____, State of _____.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Sheriff
By: _____
Deputy Sheriff

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner appearing without a lawyer

**MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
_____ COUNTY**

In re the Marriage of:

_____,
Petitioner (*you*),

and

_____,
Respondent (*your spouse*).

Case No: _____
(*leave blank, the clerk will complete*)

**Notice and Request for
Acknowledgment of Service
of Summons and Petition for
Dissolution of Marriage With Parenting
Plan for Minor Children**

NOTICE To: (*your spouse's name*) _____, Respondent:

I am serving the following documents according to the rules of civil procedure.
You can find the rules at the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 4(D)(3)(A):

- [] Summons and Automatic Economic Restraining Order (MP-400)
- [] Petition for Dissolution of Marriage With Children (MP-113)
- [] Petitioner's Proposed Parenting Plan (MP-300)
- [] Petitioner's Declaration of Income and Expenses (MP-510)
- [] Petitioner's Proposed Property Distribution (MP-500)
- [] _____
- [] _____

MP-403 Notice and Acknowledgment of Service

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You were sent papers in the mail, now what?

Why is my name on these papers?

- ∞ You are named in a family law case.
- ∞ A petition to dissolve your marriage and to get a parenting plan was filed in district court.

Why did I get these papers in the mail?

- ∞ Your spouse is trying to serve you without having to use a sheriff or other process server.

IMPORTANT: Keep a copy of these papers for your records.

I don't want to have a sheriff serve me, what can I do?

- ∞ Fill out the acknowledgment part of this form;
- ∞ Put it in the enclosed stamped return envelope;
- ∞ Return it to your spouse within 21 days after the date it was mailed.

What does it mean if I fill out and return the acknowledgment?

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- ∞ Filling out and returning the acknowledgment means that you received these papers.
- ∞ It doesn't mean that you agree with what is in the petition or parenting plan.

If I fill out and return the acknowledgement, do I need to do anything else?

- ∞ You must submit a written response to the court and your spouse within 21 days. If you don't submit a written response, the court may decide against you without you being heard.
- ∞ You must pay a fee to submit your written response, or ask the court to waive the fee if you are low income.

What happens if I don't fill out and return the acknowledgment?

- ∞ If you don't fill out and return the

acknowledgment within 21 days
after it was mailed:

- You will be served with these papers by the sheriff or other process server.
- You may have to pay the costs of serving you.

Where can I get help?

- ∞ You can find a response form and the closest Self Help Law Center at: courts.mt.gov/selfhelp
- ∞ You can find more information at www.MontanaLawHelp.org

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR HAND DELIVERY

On _____ day of _____, 20____, I sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, or delivered by hand the following documents:

- Two copies of this Notice and Acknowledgement of Service and a stamped return envelope (MP-403)
- Summons and Automatic Economic Restraining Order (MP-400)
- Petition for Dissolution of Marriage With Children (MP-113)
- Petitioner’s Proposed Parenting Plan (MP-300)
- Petitioner’s Declaration of Assets, Debts, Income and Expenses (MP-510)
- Petitioner’s Proposed Property Distribution (MP-500)
- _____
- _____

to Respondent at:

(mailing address)

Date of Signature

Petitioner Signature
Appearing without a lawyer

Print Name

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Respondent appearing without a lawyer

**MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
_____ COUNTY**

In re the Marriage of:

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

Case No: _____

**Acknowledgment of Service
of Summons and Petition for
Dissolution of Marriage With Parenting
Plan for Minor Children**

I state that:

1. I am the Respondent in this case.

2. I accept service of the following documents:

Summons and Automatic Economic Restraining Order

Petition for Dissolution of Marriage

Petitioner's Proposed Parenting Plan

Petitioner's Declaration of Assets, Debts, Income and Expenses,

Petitioner's Proposed Property Distribution

3. I received a copy of these documents on the _____ day of _____,
20____.

MP-403.2 Acknowledgment of Service

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4. I understand the date I received these documents is the date I was served.

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

Date: _____ City _____ State _____

Your Signature: _____

Your Printed Name: _____

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner appearing without a lawyer

**MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
_____ COUNTY**

<p>In re the Marriage of:</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Petitioner (<i>you</i>),</p> <p>and</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Respondent (<i>your spouse</i>).</p>	<p>Case No: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Request for Order Granting Service by Publication</p>
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Petitioner, _____, states under oath:

1. I am the petitioner in this case.
2. I filed a petition to dissolve my marriage with respondent and to get a parenting plan for our children.
3. I filed the petition with the Clerk of District Court on the _____ day of _____, 20____.
4. The clerk issued a summons and automatic economic restraining order.
5. The process server returned the summons and automatic economic restraining order and petition as unserved because they could find respondent.
6. Respondent's: (*choose one*):

Address is: _____

Last known address is: _____

Address is unknown.

7. Respondent (*choose all that apply*):

- resides out of the state;
- departed from the state;
- cannot, after due diligence, be found;
- has concealed himself/herself in order to avoid the service of summons.

8. I cannot personally serve the summons and petition on Respondent.

9. Respondent is a necessary and proper party to this case.

10. I know that I must pay for the costs of publication, and that the first publication must happen within 60 days after I file this affidavit.

11. For these reasons, I request an order for service of summons by publication to be made in (*name of newspaper*) _____, in (*name of county*) _____ County, Montana.

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

Date: _____

City _____ State _____

Your Signature: _____
Petitioner, Appearing without a lawyer

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT _____ COUNTY

In re the Marriage of:

_____,
Petitioner (*you*),

and

_____,
Respondent (*your spouse*).

Case No: _____

**Order for
Service of Summons by
Publication**

Petitioner filed a Request for Service of Summons by Publication. The Clerk of District Court finds:

1. Petitioner filed a petition to dissolve the marriage between Petitioner and Respondent.
2. Respondent is a necessary and proper party to this case.
3. Respondent cannot be personally served because of the reasons listed in Petitioner's request for order granting service of summons by publication.

It is ORDERED that Respondent is to be served by publication. Under Rule 4(D)(o) of the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure, the summons must:

- be published in a paper of general circulation in the county where the case is pending;
- be published once a week in this newspaper for three weeks in a row;
- give a general statement of the nature of this case;
- be published with 60 days of the filing of the affidavit requesting service by publication.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

(Seal)

Clerk of District Court

by: _____
Deputy Clerk

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

Petitioner appearing without a lawyer

**MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
_____ COUNTY**

In re the Marriage of:

_____,
Petitioner (*you*),

and

_____,
Respondent (*your spouse*).

Case No: _____

Summons for Publication

NOTICE TO: Respondent (*name*) _____.

You are named in a petition to dissolve your marriage and to get a final parenting plan for your children. Unless you respond in 21 days, the court may decide against you without you being heard and give Petitioner everything asked for in the petition. You must submit your written response within 21 calendar days. The 21 day period starts the day after the last date of publication of this notice. If the final day falls on a weekend or court holiday, you may file your response on the next business day.

You must file your written response with the Clerk of District Court
at: _____ and
serve a copy of your answer on the Petitioner.

The following real property is part of this case: (*list property by common street name*)

MP-402.3 Summons for Publication

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Dated this ____ day of _____, 20____.

(Seal)

Clerk of Court

By:

Deputy Clerk

Optional (not for publication):

[] Petitioner asks the newspaper to waive publication fees because the court approved a filing fee waiver due to Petitioner's inability to pay filing fees. Attached is a copy of the order.

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

Petitioner appearing without a lawyer

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

Co-Petitioner appearing without a lawyer

MONTANA _____ **JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT** _____ **COUNTY**

In re the Parenting of:
_____,
OR

In re the Marriage of:
_____,

and Petitioner,

_____,
 Co Petitioner Respondent.

Case No: _____
(leave blank, the clerk will write in)

**Notice and Acknowledgment
to Deputy Attorney General with the
Child Support Enforcement Division**

NOTICE TO: • **State of Montana, Deputy Attorney General with the Department of
Public Health and Human Services, Child Support Enforcement
Division**

MP-404 Notice to CSED

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A petition to [] dissolve this marriage and establish a parenting plan / [] establish a parenting plan, including child support was filed in district court. A copy of the petition and proposed parenting plan is attached to this notice.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Petitioner appearing without a lawyer (*sign here*)

Print Name

Co-Petitioner appearing without a lawyer (*sign here*)

Print Name

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

On _____ day of _____, 20____, I sent by mail, postage prepaid, the following documents:

- Notice and Acknowledgment to Deputy Attorney General with the Department of Health and Human Services, Child Support Enforcement Division
- Petition for Dissolution of Marriage With Children
- Petitioner's Proposed Parenting Plan
- _____
- _____

To: Department of Public Health and Human Services,
Child Support Enforcement
Division

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

MP-404 Notice to CSED

Date *(the date you signed this)*

Petitioner appearing without a lawyer *(sign here)*

Print Name

Co-Petitioner appearing without a lawyer *(sign here)*

Print Name

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT _____ COUNTY

<input type="checkbox"/> In re the Parenting of: _____, OR <input type="checkbox"/> In re the Marriage of: _____, and _____, <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent.	Case No: _____ Acknowledgment of Notice in Family Law Case
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(The rest of this form will be filled out by the Department of Human Resources)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTICE IN FAMILY LAW CASE

I acknowledge I received a copy of the Petitioner’s Notice to Child Support Enforcement Division and a copy of the Petition and Proposed Parenting Plan.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature

Print Name and Title

DECLINATION BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Department of Public Health and Human Services declines to enter this case as a party.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature

Print Name and Title

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT
ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

On _____ day of _____, 20____, I sent by mail, postage prepaid, the Acknowledgment by Child Support Enforcement Division

To: Clerk of Court _____

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Date of Signature

Signature

Print Name and Title

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner Respondent Co Petitioner

Appearing without a lawyer

MONTANA _____ **JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,** _____ **COUNTY**

<p>In re the <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting of: _____, <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner, and _____, <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner.</p>	<p>Case No: _____ <i>(leave blank, the clerk will complete)</i></p> <p>Notice to a Person not Named in the Case.</p>
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A parenting case has been filed concerning the following children:

Pursuant to 40-4-211 (5) MCA, Notice of a parenting proceeding must be given to the child's parent, guardian, caretaker, those persons with whom the child is physically residing, and all other contestants, who may appear, be heard, and file a responsive pleading. The court, upon a showing of good cause, may permit intervention of other interested parties.

This notice is being provided to you because:

You are not required by law to respond to this notice or participate in the case.

MP-407 Notice to a Person Not Named

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If you are interested in this case or believe you should be a named party, you may file a **Motion to Intervene** with the Court named above and state your reasons for participating in the case.

NEED HELP? There are resources available to assist you in filing court forms.

The Court Help Program. The Court Help Program provides assistance to people representing themselves in court. There are self help law centers located throughout the state to assist you on a walk in basis and travelling appointments to other courthouses. Self help staff are not lawyers and cannot provide legal advice. Staff are informed about the court process and can answer many questions as well as review your forms for completeness. Find the Court Help services near you:

www.courts.mt.gov/selfhelp

Montana Legal Services Association. Montana Legal Services Association coordinates volunteer attorney legal resources at a free or reduced cost. If you qualify financially for assistance, Montana Legal Services may connect you with a pro bono attorney, an attorney at a reduced fee, or local attorney resources in your area. Visit www.montanalawhelp.org, www.mtlsa.org, or call MLSA at 1-800-666-6899.

State Bar of Montana. If you are interested in hiring an attorney to advise you or represent you in this matter, the State Bar Lawyer and Information Referral Service is a database of attorneys. You can be connected with attorneys for any place in the state to help your family legal matter. Access the Lawyer Referral and Information Service by visiting www.montanabar.org or calling 1(406)449-6577.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Sign Here: _____ Print Name: _____

Petitioner Respondent Co-Petitioner

Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner Respondent Co-Petitioners

Appearing without a lawyer

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT _____ COUNTY

In re the Marriage of:

_____,

Petitioner Co-Petitioner,

and

_____,

Respondent.

Case No: _____

Request for Hearing

and Default by Clerk

I, the Petitioner Respondent Co-Petitioner, ask the court to schedule a hearing to obtain a Final Decree of Dissolution.

1. Status of the Case. Choose One:

Respondent did not appear or otherwise respond to the Petition. More than 21 days has passed since Respondent was served. Petitioner asks the clerk to enter default against Respondent.

Respondent Co-Petitioner is participating in the case and we agree on all issues.

Respondent Co-Petitioner is participating in the case and we do not agree on all issues.

MP-701 Request for Hearing

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2. Child Support.

There are no minor children of the marriage.

OR

Petitioner Respondent Both spouses have submitted to the Court:

Choose One:

Proposed Child Support Guidelines Calculation Worksheet(s)

OR

Child Support Enforcement Division Child Support Order.

3. Final Financial Disclosure.

a. Petitioner Respondent Both spouses served a Preliminary Disclosure of Income and Expenses along with the summary of debts, assets, and liabilities within the Proposed Property Distribution. Therefore, the requirements of § 40-4-252, MCA have been met.

b. The Disclosure of Income and Expenses and contents of the Proposed Property Distribution meet the final disclosure requirements of § 40-4-254, MCA, because:

Choose one:

Petitioner requests a default and the final disclosure requirements are waived pursuant to §40-4-257, MCA.

OR

Both spouses agree to the summary of debts, assets, and liabilities within the Proposed Property Distribution.

OR

The summary of debts, assets, and liabilities within the Proposed Property Distribution previously filed and served and the Disclosure of Income and Expenses previously served are current and accurate.

OR

Circumstances have changed and

An Amended Disclosure of Income and Expenses was served on the other party on:_____.

An Amended Proposed Property Distribution was filed and served on the other party on:_____.

4. Request for Hearing

Choose One:

Default Hearing - Respondent did not appear or otherwise respond to the Petition.

OR

Uncontested Hearing - Respondent Co-Petitioner is participating in the case and we agree on all issues.

OR

Contested Hearing - Respondent Co-Petitioner is participating in the case and we do not agree on all issues.

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature: _____
 Petitioner Respondent Co-Petitioner

(Leave the following section blank. It is for the court to use.)

Default Entered: ____/____/____

Default not entered.

COURT CLERK

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
_____ COUNTY

In re the Marriage of: _____, <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner, and _____, <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner.	Case No: _____ Court Order on Hearing for Dissolution with Minor Children
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The Court Orders that the final hearing in this matter (**Choose One**):

Is scheduled for the ____ day of _____, 20____, at _____
o'clock _____. In Court Room _____, located at _____,
Montana. The Court estimates this hearing will last approximately _____.

OR

- Will not be scheduled because (**Choose all that apply**):
- Proposed Child Support Order or Guidelines Calculation has not been submitted to the Court for consideration.
 - The Court does not have sufficient reason to believe that **MP-510** Declaration of Assets and Financial Disclosures have been exchanged by the parties.
 - The Court does not have sufficient reason to believe that Service of

Process was completed.

(Optional) The Court has noted within the

record: _____

_____.

It is ORDERED that (*Choose One*):

Parties must comply with this order as

follows: _____

_____.

Once parties have complied, either party may file a new **MP-701** Request for a Hearing and Statement of Compliance.

OR

Parties appear at the hearing as scheduled.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT _____ COUNTY

In Re the Marriage of: _____, <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Petitioner 1, and _____, <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Petitioner 2.	Case No: _____ Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Dissolution Decree With Minor Children
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The Court enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Procedural History.

On the ____ day of _____ 20____, the Petition for Dissolution was filed by Petitioner Co-Petitioners jointly.

2. Nature of the Case. (Choose One)

The parties filed a joint Petition.

OR

On the ____ day of _____ 20____, Respondent was served with the Petition and Summons.

AND

Respondent filed an answer or otherwise participated in this case.

OR

MP 703 Decree of Dissolution with Children

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Respondent did not file an answer or otherwise participate in this case.
Default was entered on the ____ day of _____ 20____.

3. Hearing. (Choose One)

On the ____ day of _____, 20____ the Court held a:

Default hearing.

OR

Uncontested hearing. The parties agreed to all issues in this case.

OR

Contested hearing.

OR

No hearing. The parties have filed joint or individual Affidavits for Entry of a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage without a Hearing.

4. Appearance. (If a hearing was held choose one)

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1

appeared in person without a lawyer with a lawyer _____

Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2

appeared in person without a lawyer with a lawyer _____

did not to appear

5. Jurisdiction over the Parties.

90 days before this case was filed, either Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 or Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 was domiciled or was stationed in Montana.

6. Venue.

Venue is proper in this county.

7. Marriage. (Choose One)

The parties were married on (date) _____. The marriage license was filed in _____ County, State of _____.

OR

The parties were married at common law as of (date) _____.
The parties assumed a marital relationship by mutual consent and agreement. The parties confirmed their marriage by living together and by public knowledge.

OR

The parties filed a declaration of marriage on (date) _____
in _____ County, State of _____.

8. Irretrievable Breakdown. The marriage of the parties is irretrievably broken in that: (Choose One)

The parties lived separate and apart for at least 180 days before this case was filed.

OR

There is serious marital discord that adversely affects the attitude of one or both of the parties toward the marriage and there is no reasonable prospect of reconciliation.

9. Declaration of Disclosure.

The parties are in compliance with the financial disclosure requirements §§ 40-4-252 through 254, M.C.A.

OR

(In the event of default), Petitioner has provided financial disclosure and waives any further disclosure from Respondent.

OR

The parties have made preliminary disclosure and ask that the preliminary disclosure serve as the final disclosure.

10. Property Distribution. (Choose One)

The Court finds the following property distribution is an equitable division of the marital property, assets, and liabilities:

Petitioner's Proposed Property Distribution as modified

Respondent's Proposed Property Distribution as modified

The Agreed Proposed Property Distribution as modified

The Court's Property Distribution

11. There is a/are child(ren) of the marriage who is/are minor(s).

12. Pregnancy

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 is is not pregnant.

The pregnancy is is not a child of the marriage.

Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 is is not pregnant.

The pregnancy is is not a child of the marriage.

13. Parenting Plan.

Montana is the home state of the child(ren) of the marriage. Jurisdiction for parenting is proper in Montana. *(Choose One)*

Co-Petitioners filed a Proposed Parenting Plan and submitted it to the Court for final approval.

OR

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 filed and served Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 with a Proposed Parenting Plan. Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 has not contested or otherwise disputed Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1's proposed Parenting Plan.

OR

Both parties filed a Parenting Plan and sent a copy to the other party.

OR

Other:_____.

14. Child Support *(Choose a. or b.)*

a. Child Support Amount.

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **OR** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 must pay \$_____ per child per month in child support to the other parent because:

(Choose one)

This amount is consistent with the attached final Child Support Services Division Order signed by the Administrative Law Judge. *(Attach a copy of the CSSD Order)*

OR

- This amount is consistent with the child support calculation prepared by
 Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 The Court
 other _____ (*Attach a copy of the calculation*)

OR

- This amount is not consistent with the child support amount prepared by Child Support Services Division Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 The Court or other _____; however, this amount is in the best interest of our child(ren) because:

OR

b. Child Support Needs to Be Calculated

- Child Support Services Division, CSSD, has opened a case and the case number is _____. Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 and Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 will cooperate with CSSD to establish a child support order.

OR

- Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **OR** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 will open a case with CSSD within 30 days of signing this Parenting Plan. The Court will order the parties to comply with opening a CSSD case and submitting the necessary documents for CSSD to determine child support. **Your Court may not allow this option.**

OR

- Other: _____

c. Child Support Payments. (Choose One)

On or before the first of every month, Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **OR**
 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 must make payments to Child Support Services Division. Payments shall start on the first day of _____(month), 20___. Payments must be made to CSSD if a party is receiving Title IV-A Benefits (TANF, Family Medicaid), or Title IV-D benefit (if there is an active case with CSSD). We can find this law at § 40-5-909, M.C.A.

OR

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1's Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2's income is subject to immediate income withholding. We can find this law beginning at § 40-5-315, M.C.A.

OR

On or before the _____ day of each month, Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **OR**
 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 must make payments directly to Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **OR** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2. The child support order is exempt from immediate income withholding because:

OR

On or before the first of each month, Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **OR**
 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 must make payments to the Clerk of District Court.

d. Child Support Termination.

Child support payments must continue until: *(Choose One)*

Each child turns 18 or graduates from high school, if in high school, whichever occurs later but no later than when the child turns 19.

OR

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **OR** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 agrees to continue to pay child support for _____ *(initials of child)* who is disabled past the age of 18 because the child will continue to be financially dependent on Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **OR**

Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2. Child support will be paid until: _____ *(month and year)*.

15. Medical Support. *(Choose One)*

The medical support order is included in the attached Child Support Order.

OR

The medical support order is separate, and I am attaching it.

OR

The minor child(ren) need their medical and dental expenses to be covered. There is no medical support order and the court should adopt the attached medical support order.

16. Spousal Maintenance. *(Choose One)*

Spousal maintenance was not requested by either party.

OR

Spousal maintenance is necessary because the requesting party lacks sufficient property to provide his/her reasonable needs; and is unable to be self-supporting through appropriate employment or is the custodian of a child whose condition or circumstances make it appropriate that the custodian not be required to seek employment outside the home.

OR

Spousal maintenance is not appropriate because: _____

_____.

17. Previous Names. *(Choose One)*

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 request restoration of a previous name.

OR

Neither party requests restoration of a previous name.

18. Additional Findings.

The Court makes additional findings of fact as follows: _____

_____.

Additional Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law attached hereto.

From the above Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, the Court orders the following:

DECREE OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the parties and this cause of action.
2. The Court dissolves the marriage between the parties.
3. If applicable, the Court dissolves the Temporary Economic Restraining Order issued in this matter under M.C.A. § 40-4-121(3), M.C.A.
4. The Court has signed and adopts and incorporates by reference the approved Property Distribution. The Court orders the parties to follow the Property Distribution.
5. Each party is ordered to take any action necessary to carry out the terms and conditions of this Decree, Property Distribution, and Parenting Plan including the signing and transfer of titles, deeds, or other documents within _____ number of days from the date of this Decree or as more specifically provided in the Property Distribution and Parenting Plan.

6. Parenting Plan

The Parenting Plan is in the best interest of the child(ren). The Court has signed and adopts the Parenting Plan, filed separately. The Court orders the parties to follow the terms of the Parenting Plan.

7. Child Support. *(Choose all that apply)*

Child Support has been established by CSSD. The Court acknowledges the CSSD Order.

OR

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 and Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 have an open a case with CSSD. Both Parties are Ordered to cooperate with CSSD to establish a Child Support Order. The CSSD child support administrative order shall be filed with this Court no later than 6 months from the date of this Decree. Failure to cooperate with CSSD or to provide a written agreement on child support within 6 months from the date of this Decree may result in contempt of Court.

OR

Starting on the first day of _____ (month) 20__, Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 **OR** Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 shall pay child support in the amount of \$_____ per month per child for a total monthly child support payment of \$_____. The child support obligation continues for each child until each child reaches the age of 18 or graduates from high school, if in high school, whichever is later but in no event past the age of 19.

OR

The child _____ (child's initials) is disabled and child support shall continue until _____.

8. Medical Support. (Choose One)

Medical support for the child(ren) shall comply with what has been or will be established by the CSSD.

OR

The Medical Support Order is separate, and attached to this Decree.

9. Spousal Maintenance. (Choose One)

No spousal maintenance is awarded in this case.

OR

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 shall pay \$_____ per month commencing on the ___ day of _____, 20__ until (date of last payment) _____ in spousal support. The payment must be made on the ___ of each month directly to Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2.

OR

Other _____

10. Names of the Parties

Petitioner's/Co-Petitioner 1's name will not change be restored to:
_____ (First, Middle and Last)

Respondent's/Co-Petitioner 2's name will not change be restored to:
_____ (First, Middle and Last)

11. Other Provisions:

DATED this ____ day of _____ 20____.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE / STANDING MASTER

Name

Mailing Address

City, State Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner Respondent Co Petitioner

Appearing without a lawyer

**MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
_____ COUNTY**

<p>In re the Marriage of:</p> <p>_____, <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Petitioner,</p> <p>and</p> <p>_____, <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner.</p>	<p>Case No: _____</p> <p>Notice of Entry of Decree</p>
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Notice is hereby given that on the _____ day of _____,
20____, the Court entered a Final Decree of Dissolution in the above-entitled action. A
true and correct conformed copy of the Final Decree of Dissolution is attached to this
Notice and served upon you.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

 Petitioner Respondent Co Petitioner

Print Name

MP-704 Notice and Entry of Decree Draft

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Proof of Service

I, _____, attest that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Entry of Decree was served the ____ day of _____, 20____, by mailing said copy, postage paid, to:

Name

Street Address

City State Zip Code

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature: _____
 Petitioner Respondent Co Petitioner

Print Name: _____

State of Montana Case Registry and Vital Statistic Reporting Form
Department of Public Health and Human Services

INSTRUCTIONS

Order Information: Check the box that most accurately describes the type of order being entered. If it is dissolution of marriage, enter the place of marriage and indicate if child support is ordered. Temporary support orders and paternity orders that contain child support are categorized as “child support order, without dissolution.” “Child support order” includes medical support orders. If the order does not contain a child support order, social security numbers of the parties are not required and only Parts 1, 2 and 9 needs to be completed.

Parts 1 and 2: Provide information about the parties to the order. If there is a child support order, be sure to check the box that shows whether the party owes support (payor) or will receive support (payee). If a party is ordered to both pay and receive support, check the box labeled “both.” If there is no support order, check the box labeled “N/A” for not applicable. If a party is ordered to pay \$0 support, that party should be considered a payor.

Part 3: Provide information about the children named in the order and indicate which parent or other party the children live with. If the parenting plan provides for shared residential parenting, circle “B” for both. If a child is not living with either parent, circle “O” and list the child’s name and address.

Part 4: Complete this part if support is ordered to be paid to an agency or an individual other than a parent.

Part 5: Indicate whether any of the parties are protected from each other by a protective or restraining order. If yes, list the names of the protected parties. This includes any protected children.

Part 6: Provide information about the employment or other source of income of the party who is ordered to pay child support. If both parties are ordered to pay support, skip Part 6 and complete Part 10 instead.

Part 7: Provide information about the support order. Check the type(s) of support ordered and enter the amount and how often it is due. (Example: \$100 per week.) All orders should have a “begin” date; many will not have an “end” date. If both parties are ordered to pay support, skip Part 7 and complete Part 11 instead.

If the order enters a judgment for past due support, show the total amount of the judgment. If the judgment includes amounts for penalties, fees or interest, list those amounts on the appropriate lines.

List any special conditions of the support order. (Example: support is due until the child graduates from college.) Copy the information requested about the guidelines to this form from the guidelines worksheet.

Part 8: Provide information about health insurance coverage for the children. If insurance is not provided, indicate whether it is available through the employer of either parent. Relationship of the party providing insurance is the party’s relationship to the children. (Example: mother, father, mother’s spouse, father’s spouse.)

List the terms and conditions of the insurance coverage. (Example: 80/20 plan, \$500 deductible, major medical only.)

Part 9: Provide information about the person completing this form.

Part 10: Employment information for multiple payors. Complete only if both parties are ordered to pay support. See Part 6 instructions.

Part 11: Order information for multiple payors. Complete only if both parties are ordered to pay support. See Part 7 instructions

4 Other Payee:

Name of person/agency owed support if not a parent: _____
Last Name or Agency First Name Middle

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Residential Address (if different from above): _____

5 Protective Order:

Is a party to this action protected from another party to the action by an order of protection?
 Yes No If yes, enter name(s) of protected party(ies): _____

6 Employer/Income Source Information:

Provide information about the payor's employment or periodic source of income. (Attach additional pages if needed)

Check here if this order requires both parties to pay support. If checked, skip Parts 6 & 7, and complete Parts 8, 9, 10 & 11.

Name of Employer or Source of Income Telephone #

7 Support Order Date Order Signed: _____

Chose type of support and enter appropriate information. If applicable, arrears due at time of order: \$ _____

Support Type	Total Due	Frequency	Begin Date	End Date	Judgment	Penalty	Fees*	Interest*
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Support:	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Support	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Spousal Support:	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$

(Alimony)

(*list amounts included in judgment)

Is payor exempt from income withholding under MCA 40-5-315? Yes No Tribal Order

List any special terms/conditions of the support order(s): _____

Was Parent 1 represented by an attorney? Yes No Was Parent 2 represented by an attorney? Yes No

Information from child support guidelines worksheet:

Parent 1: "Income after deductions" \$ _____ "Credit for Payment of Expenses" \$ _____

Parent 2: "Income after deductions" \$ _____ "Credit for Payment of Expenses" \$ _____

8 Health Insurance: (Attach additional pages if needed.)

Is health insurance provided for the children? Yes No (If no, answer last question in this section)

Name and relationship of party providing insurance: _____ Policy No. _____

Name of insurance carrier or health benefit plan: _____

Address of insurance carrier or health benefit plan: _____

Names of children covered: _____

Terms/conditions of coverage: _____

If children are not covered, is coverage available through Parent 1 employer? Yes No

Parent 2 employer? Yes No

9 This form was completed by: Name/Title: _____

Telephone #: _____ Signature: _____ Date _____

Complete next page if both parties are ordered to pay child support

Information contained in this form is private and confidential.

It may only be shared with courts, agencies and individuals authorized by MCA 40-5-923.

Multiple Payors: Complete Parts 10 and 11 only if the order requires both parties to pay support.

10--Parent 1--Employer/Income Source Information:

Provide information about parent 1 employment or periodic source of income. (Attach additional pages if needed.)

Name of Employer or Source of Income Telephone # _____

Street City State Zip

10--Parent 2--Employer/Income Source Information:

Provide information about parent 2 employment or periodic source of income. (Attach additional pages if needed.)

Name of Employer or Source of Income Telephone # _____

Street City State Zip

11--Parent 1--Support Order Date Order Signed: _____

Parent 1 Support Obligation: If applicable, arrears due at time of order: \$ _____

Support Type	Total Due	Frequency	Begin Date	End Date	Judgment	Penalty	Fees*	Interest*
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Support:	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Support	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Spousal Support:	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$

(Alimony)

(*list amounts in included in judgment)

Is Parent 1 exempt from income withholding under MCA 40-5-315? Yes No Tribal Order

11--Parent 2--Support Order Date Order Signed: _____

Parent 2 Support Obligation: If applicable, arrears due at time of order: \$ _____

Support Type	Total Due	Frequency	Begin Date	End Date	Judgment	Penalty	Fees*	Interest*
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Support:	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Support	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Spousal Support:	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$

(Alimony)

(*list amounts in included in judgment)

Is Parent 2 exempt from income withholding under MCA 40-5-315? Yes No Tribal Order

List any special terms/conditions of the support order(s): _____

Was Parent 1 represented by an attorney? Yes No

Was Parent 2 represented by an attorney? Yes No

Information from child support guidelines worksheet:

Parent 1: "Income after deductions": \$ _____

"Credit for Payment of Expenses": \$ _____

Parent 2: "Income after deductions": \$ _____

"Credit for Payment of Expenses": \$ _____