



20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF COLORADO

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-117

SUBJECT: Requests for Allocation of Parental Responsibilities Orders in Juvenile (JV) Paternity/Administrative Procedure Action Child Support Cases

To: All Judicial Officers, Court Executive, Clerk of Court, Court Staff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Boulder County Bar Association, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Staff, Community Justice Services, County Attorney, Sheriff, Jail, Law Enforcement

From: Ingrid S. Bakke
Chief Judge

DATE: May 1, 2021

WHEREAS the 20th Judicial District has identified a need to establish a consistent, district-wide policy to certify Administrative Procedure Action (APA) Child Support Stipulations and Allocation of Parental Responsibilities Stipulations entered and/or filed in Juvenile (JV) Paternity and Child Support cases into Domestic Relations (DR) cases in consideration of the following:

- To provide the court, practitioners and parties with the benefits of electronic filing;
- To maintain for the Juvenile case the confidentiality intended by the legislature;
- Following the issuance of Child Support and Allocation of Parental Responsibilities Stipulated Orders in a JV Paternity case, it is essentially the same as a DR case and similarly situated cases should be handled in a similar manner; and
- Post-Permanent Orders matters in Juvenile Paternity or Juvenile Support cases should have the benefits of using the procedural processes in Title 14 cases such as C.R.C.P. 16.2.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

It is the policy of the 20th Judicial District that, after the issuance of APA Child Support and Allocation of Parental Responsibilities Stipulated Orders and after proper advisement of the parties in a paternity or child support matter, the Juvenile case may be closed, and a domestic relations case be opened.

The following establishes a protocol for moving jurisdiction and orders from a Juvenile to a Domestic Relations case:

- (A) When a Petition for Allocation of Parental Responsibilities and Stipulated Parenting Plan is filed into a JV case where paternity and/or child support have been established via APA Stipulation by the County Department of Human Services, Child Support Services Division, the juvenile court judicial officer shall approve such stipulation after applying the factors listed in §14-10-124, C.R.S. and after finding the stipulation is in the best interests of the children.
- (B) The judicial officer assigned to the JV case shall prepare and file an order moving jurisdiction and orders to a new DR case.
1. The order moving jurisdiction to a new DR case shall direct that there are to be no additional filings into the JV case.
 2. Parties shall be advised of their rights that may be exclusive to a paternity case under Title 19 such as the right to seek reimbursement for hospital and medical care at the time of the child's birth and child support retroactive to the date of birth.
 3. The order moving jurisdiction to a new DR case shall specify that the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure will apply, specifically Rule 16.2.
 4. The order moving jurisdiction to a new DR case will be filed into both the JV and the new DR case.
 5. All parties to the case, including child support services, shall be notified when the filing is complete, and when the DR case is active. Child support services shall not be required to respond or attend to any issues in the DR action, except issues of child support.
- (C) No initial filing fee shall be assessed for opening a new DR type case according to this administrative order. Parties shall, however, be responsible for the payment of any post-permanent orders fees, unless they are found indigent.



Hon. Ingrid S. Bakke
Chief Judge
Twentieth Judicial District