

**CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2019-08 (AMENDED)  
STATE OF COLORADO  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

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**ORDER ON JUVENILE PATERNITY/  
CHILD SUPPORT CASE MANAGEMENT**

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The First Judicial District has identified a need to establish a consistent, district-wide policy to file Permanent Orders entered in Juvenile (JV) Paternity and Child Support cases into Domestic Relations (DR) cases. In implementing this policy, it has considered the following:

- Provide the court, practitioners, and parties with the benefits of electronic filing;
- Maintain for the JV case the confidentiality intended by the legislature;
- Following the issuance of Permanent Orders/Parenting Plans 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 JV Paternity or JV Child 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 First Judicial District after the issuance of Permanent Orders or approval of a Parenting Plan and after proper advisement of the parties in a paternity or child support matter, the JV case may be closed, and a DR case opened. The following establishes a protocol for moving jurisdiction and orders from a JV to a DR case.

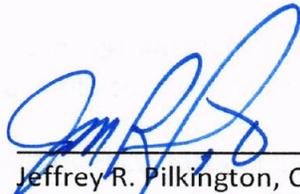
- (1) Procedure when the JV case contains an existing Permanent Order resolving parenting time and decision-making responsibilities ("APR Orders"): Upon the filing of any motion

to modify APR Orders, the assigned judicial officer shall issue an order moving any judgments or support orders in addition to APR Orders relating to decision-making responsibilities and parenting time into a new DR case.

- (2) Procedure when the JV case does not contain existing APR Orders resolving parenting time and decision-making responsibilities: When a motion to establish or allocate APR is filed into a JV case where paternity and/or child support have previously been resolved, APR issues shall be resolved by opening a new DR case. The assigned judicial officer in the JV case shall decide what orders are to be moved into the new DR.
- (3) The judicial officer assigned to the JV case shall prepare and file an order moving jurisdiction (see attached) and orders to the DR Case and shall issue a Case Management Order in the new DR case.
  - The order moving jurisdiction to a new DR case shall direct that there are to be no additional filings into the JV case.
  - 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.
  - The order moving jurisdiction to a new DR case shall specify that the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure will apply, specifically Rule 16.2.
  - The order moving jurisdiction to a new DR case will be filed into both the JV and the new DR cases.
- (4) No initial filing fee shall be assessed for opening a DR case where a JV Paternity or Support case already exists when the DR case is ordered to be opened by the court.

This Order is effective May 1, 2021.

April 15, 2021



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Jeffrey R. Pilkington, Chief Judge  
First Judicial District