



INFORMATION REGARDING ORTHODONTIA TREATMENT

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Prior to obtaining non-emergency orthodontia treatment for a minor child, you must:

1. Notify the other parent of the proposed treatment plan and the estimated costs for the treatment.
2. Try to reach an agreement with the other parent for the payment of the orthodontia treatment.
3. When an agreement is reached, put the agreement in writing and make sure both parents sign the written agreement. Each parent should keep a copy of the agreement in case of future disputes.

In the event you cannot reach an agreement:

1. Send a request to the Friend of the Court (FOC) for assistance.
2. Your request must be in writing and state **all** of the following:
 - a. You attempted to reach an agreement with the other party and were unsuccessful (explain in detail your attempts). **Note:** Stating that you and the other party do not talk so you did not try to reach an agreement is not satisfactory.
 - b. Name of the physician that will be providing the orthodontia treatment.
 - c. The estimated cost of the treatment.
 - d. The estimated insurance coverage, if any.
3. When the FOC Office receives this information from you, the FOC will file a motion with the Court and schedule a hearing to obtain a court 'Order for Payment of Orthodontia Treatment'.

NOTE: Failure to reach a written agreement with the other parent, or failure to obtain an Order for Payment of Orthodontia Treatment **prior to the beginning** of any treatment may result in you being solely responsible for the cost of the treatment.