

**DEFINING "REASONABLE COST" FOR PURPOSES OF FRIEND OF THE COURT
ENFORCEMENT OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE**

WHEREAS, MCL 552.511(1)(b) requires the Friend of the Court to initiate enforcement action when a parent fails to obtain or maintain health care coverage for the parent's child as ordered by the Court;

WHEREAS, the 2004 Michigan Child Support Formula Section 3.07(B)(2) defines the reasonable cost for health care coverage as follows:

- a. A reasonable cost of providing private health care coverage does not exceed five percent of the gross income of the providing parent.
- b. Parents with a net income below 133 percent of the federal poverty level (\$1,032) or whose resident child is covered by Medicaid based on that parent's income should not be ordered to contribute toward or provide private coverage, unless private coverage is obtainable without employee contribution.
- c. A providing parent's costs for private health care coverage are unreasonable if the parent's total share of child support, child care, ordinary health care expenses, and net share of health care insurance (not including arrearage payments) exceed 50% of the parent's net income as defined in the Michigan Child Support Formula Manual.

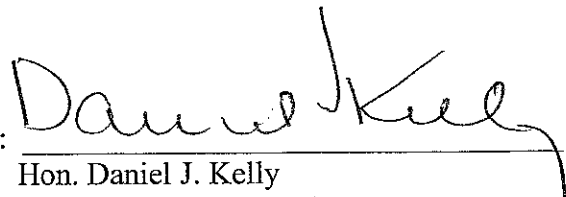
WHEREAS, the Court sees a need to define reasonable cost of health care coverage when it is not specified in an order;

IT IS ORDERED: Except as specifically provided in an order, the reasonable cost of health care coverage is as outlined in the 2004 Michigan Child Support Formula Section 3.07(B)(2).

Effective Date: _____

Date: 7-2-07

Chief Judge Signature: _____



Hon. Daniel J. Kelly
Chief Circuit Court Judge
31st Circuit Court for St. Clair County