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October 26, 2015

Charlie G. Cook, Jr
159 Indian Field Cr
St George, SC 29477

RE: SCDSS v. Charlie G. Cook, Jr.
CSED File No. 0811110

Dear Mr. Cook:

I have received your email with concerns about your case and the most recent modification conference that took place on October 20, 2015, at the Dorchester County Family Court (Knight Law Center) in Summerville.

With regard to the medical insurance provided for your child, Amber, through your wife's employment, you are correct that a credit should have been given. While the Division strives to keep all of our Specialists well-trained, there are certain situations that do not occur as often and errors can happen. As there is no information in the file regarding the premiums paid by your wife regarding Amber's insurance, I'll ask you to provide a breakdown of those premiums. Such a breakdown can be obtained through her employer's human resources or benefits department, and would show the total premium as well as what the amounts would be for employee alone, employee and child, full family, etc.

Once you provide that information I'll recalculate the support based solely on that change and send out my results. As you've already consented to the amount that was calculated, the only way I can change the amount administratively is if Ms. Amaker does not object to the correction. Otherwise, you'd be able to seek the relief directly with the Courts.

With regard to your other concerns about the order that predated this recent modification, those issues can no longer be addressed by this Division. You are invited to consult with an attorney. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,



Paul F. LeBarron
State Attorney



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December 17, 2015

Charlie G. Cook, Jr
145 Indian Field Circle
St. George, SC 29477

RE: SCDSS -vs- Charlie G. Cook, Jr
File No. 0811110

Dear Mr. Cook:

Enclosed please find a copy of the recent Corrective Order in the above-entitled case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara M. Cosmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sara M. Cosmann
Child Support Specialist

smc

Enclosure

October 21, 2015

Child Support Services

Department of Social Services

PO Box 150012

Charleston, SC 29415

Attn: Paul F. LeBaron

File Number: 0811110

I am writing in regards to modification hearings in Dorchester County.

On May 29, 2012, I was not given a copy of the child support obligation: worksheet A.

During the hearing I stated that my gross monthly income was incorrect but was told that it was

correct and the employee stated that she did this every day. Basically, she let me know that

she was right and I was wrong.

I tried for 3 plus years to obtain a copy of the worksheet to validate the calculation error to no

avail.

I made another visit to the family court office to obtain a copy of the worksheet last week and

last few years and as a result I made the decision to place myself along with my daughter on my

wife's employer health plan. The coverage was better than what I and my daughter had with

my employer along with a lower premium than I had been paying but is still a sizeable

deduction from my wife's pay check. I was told that I did not pay for my daughter's healthcare

coverage since the premiums are deducted from my wife's payroll check.

I did my best to explain yesterday that I researched this prior to adding myself and my daughter

to my wife's employer health care plan. I contacted Dorchester County Family Court/DSS office

and asked them how this would be handled. My caseworker stated that if I provided health

care benefits for my daughter whether the benefits are thru my employer or my wife's

employer I would still receive a health care credit on the worksheet.

I was instructed at the hearing yesterday to sign the child support modification order. I took

issue with the hearing and felt like signing the order was stating that I was in agreement and

clearly still had questions that had not been resolved. I have been told at several hearings that I

had to sign the order. Upon researching this today, I have found that I do not have to sign the

order.

CHARLIE G. COOK, JR.
159 INDIAN FIELD CIRCLE
SAINT GEORGE, South Carolina 29477

November 23, 2015

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION, CHARLESTON REGION III
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
P. O. BOX 150012
NORTH CHARLESTON, South Carolina 29415-0012

RE: Request for Child Support Review
Case Number: 0811110

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request a review of my current child support obligation for AMBER ALYSSA COOK. I am currently obligated to pay MERETHA AMAKER child support in the amount of \$602.00 per month. This agreement was defined in the CSED CASE NUMBER 2012-DR-18-843 COMBINE AND RETAIN 01-DR-18-71 MODIFICATION dated October 20, 2015 filed under case number 0811110. 2016 INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR AMBER ALYSSA COOK ARE NOW BEING PAID BY ME(CHARLIE G. COOK, JR.) AS OF 01/01/2016. THE PREMIUMS PRIOR TO 01/01/2016 WERE BEING PAID THRU MY WIFE'S INSURANCE PROGRAM. WHEN I HAD THE MODIFICATION HEARING ON OCTOBER 20,2015, I WAS TOLD THAT IF MY WIFE CONTINUED TO PAY THEM SHE WAS DOING SO OUT THE GOODNESS OF HER HEART. I CONTACTED MR. PAUL LEBARRON AFTER THE OCTOBER 20, 2015 MODIFICATION HEARING WHEN TIFFANY MURPHY AND HER SUPERVISOR STATED THAT I COULD NOT RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS MY WIFE PAYS THROUGH HER EMPLOYER'S INSURANCE PROGRAM. I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. PAUL LEBARRON STATING THAT I SHOULD RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE PREMIUMS PAID THRU MY WIFE'S EMPLOYMENT BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED CREDIT SO I HAVE ENROLLED MY DAUGHTER, AMBER ON MY MEDICAL, DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE FOR 2016. I also believe the following additional facts should be considered when reviewing my support obligation: PLEASE REVIEW THE WORKSHEET A FROM OCTOBER 20,2015 AND ALSO THE PAYSTUB ATTACHED - THE MONTHLY GROSS INCOME IS INCORRECT.

If you need additional information from me please contact me at CHARLIE G. COOK, JR. at 159 INDIAN FIELD CIRCLE, SAINT GEORGE, South Carolina 29477 or by calling me at (843)701-2878. You can contact MERETHA AMAKER at 851 EDWARD STREET, BRANCHVILLE, South Carolina 29432.

Sincerely,

CHARLIE G. COOK, JR.

cc: MERETHA AMAKER

Attachments:

- CURRENT PAY STUBS AND PAYSTUB PRESENTED AT OCTOBER 20, 2015
MODIFICATION HEARING
- 2016 BENEFITS STATEMENT/ELECTION OPTIONS
- 2016 BENEFIT ELECTIONS/CONFIRMATION STATEMENT
- PAYSTUB USED AT OCTOBER 20, 2015 MODIFICATION HEARING
- LETTER FROM PAUL F. LEBARRON DATED OCTOBER 26, 2015

Date: Nov 3, 2015 10:43 AM

Subject: Fwd: FW: AMBER COOK MEDICAL, DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COST PER MONTH

To: <paul.lebarron@dss.sc.gov>

Cc:

Good morning Mr. LeBarron,

Concerning the modification hearing on October 20, 2015. What is the DSS policy for verifying income?

Must you show proof in the form of pay stubs, letter from employer or W-2? Also if you have 2 jobs must you show proof of income from each employer?

How is child support calculated?

May 29, 2012 hearing the caseworker took $\$18,874.19 / 5.5$ and came up with \$4,719(which you are already aware was a mathematical error)
Should have been 3,431.6709

October 20, 2015 hearing the caseworker took $\$24.89(\text{hourly rate}) \times 2,080$ I guess or however they calculate (nothing on sheet) \$4,314(her calculations were based on hourly rate alone)

If the caseworker did the same as May 29, 2012 hearing $\$36,115.89 / 10.5 = \$3,439.6085$ (gross pay no overtime etc.)

I am just trying to understand how they come up with their calculations. Could you please provide the SOP how each caseworker calculates this or how they are supposed to calculate?

Thanks for your help in this matter,

Charlie G. Cook, Jr.

----- Forwarded message -----

Date: Mon, Nov 2, 2015 at 9:01 AM

Subject: Fwd: FW: AMBER COOK MEDICAL, DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COST PER MONTH

To: paul.lebarron@dss.sc.gov

Good morning Mr. LeBarron,

Please see below for the insurance premiums for Amber - monthly thru my wife's employer.

I asked about receiving credit for the insurance premiums and the caseworker said no credit for it.

In this modification hearing I asked to speak to you or a judge for a continuance so that these issues could be addressed. I was told I could go to Rivers Avenue and see you and a judge was not available and I had to sign the papers.

I am trying hard to understand why when a father pays everything he is supposed to and provides the best health insurance for his daughter he is still treated like he does nothing.

As for the part about Ms. Amaker agreeing that will never happen as she has stated that I should be responsible for her and Amber for the rest of their lives and also my wife should give them money. Her statement is you have more than I do and you owe us. Yes I owe my daughter the continuing support and I fulfill that obligation and more.

I am asking that this administrative change be made whether she agrees or disagrees. As for the caseworker I tried to give her the copy of the premiums my wife pays and she said I don't need it you don't pay it your wife does it out the goodness of her heart.

I have 14 more months in the family court system before my daughter is emancipated. I will be seeking further advice on what I can do about the over payment.

We have gone above and beyond trying to create a peaceful and amicable environment for Amber to no avail. My ex-wife told Amber she would not love her anymore if she came to live with us.

This is what I have dealt with since 2001 my ex-wife has turned my daughter against me.

Thanks for your time,

Charlie G. Cook, Jr.