



**LYCOMING COUNTY  
MODIFICATION OF  
EXISTING CUSTODY ORDER  
SELF-HELP KIT**

**REMEMBER**

*The law often changes. Each case is different. This self-help kit is meant to give you general information and not give you specific legal advice.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*This packet will help you file the forms to ask to change your Custody Order. When you file for something “on your own” with no attorney representing you, it is called filing “pro se.”*



## **BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO FILE**

Here are some things to consider before you decide whether to file for modification:

1. If you can live with the Custody Order as it is, it might be better not to file for modification. If you file to try to take away time from the other parent, or just want to nit-pick about small things, the other parent might come to the Family Court Conference and ask to take time away from you, or may want changes you don't want. This is a two way street! When you go to court, you may open up a can of worms, and you may be sorry you did.

Plus, going to court is stressful for everyone. It's best to try to work things out without going to court, and to try to overlook the little things that might bother you. If it's an important issue and you can't work it out with the other party, that's the time to file for modification.

2. If you and the other parent are pretty much in agreement about changing your Custody Order, you can file a Stipulation that includes your agreement. After you file it, you will get a Court Order signed by a Judge that confirms your agreement and modifies your old Custody Order. You can do this pro se (on your own), and forms are available at North Penn Legal Services, Penn Tower, 25 West Third Street, Suite 400, Williamsport, PA 17701; at the Family Court Office at the courthouse; or online at [www.lyco.org](http://www.lyco.org) under the “Court Administration” tab.

## THE CUSTODY MODIFICATION PROCESS

**There are seven steps in the custody modification process. This packet provides the forms you need and guides you through these steps.**

- Step One:** Read the instructions in this packet.
- Step Two:** Fill out the forms in this packet, and make copies.
- Step Three:** File the forms and copies at the Prothonotary's Office.
- Step Four:** Wait for the copies to be mailed to you with a date for the custody conference.
- Step Five:** Serve the documents on the other party.
- Step Six:** Attend the custody conference.
- Step Seven:** If you do not reach an agreement at the conference, go further in the court system.



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**PART ONE: INSTRUCTIONS**

*These are the instructions for filling out the forms. The forms are found in Part Two of this packet. You may want to separate the forms from the instructions now, so you can read the instructions for each form as you fill out that form.*

**1. FIRST FORM – MOTION COVER SHEET**

Complete the caption (heading) EXACTLY THE SAME AS ON THE EXISTING CUSTODY ORDER. Your caption will never change. The same person who is listed as the Plaintiff on your Custody Order must be the Plaintiff in this action. The same person listed as Defendant on your Custody Order must be the Defendant in this action. You should also use the same case number that appears on your Custody Order

Write your name on line 1, and “Modification of Custody” on line 3. In box 4, put a check in front of “Court Conference.” In box 6, write your name and address. Leave the rest of the form blank—this is for the Court to fill out.

**2. SECOND FORM – ORDER AND NOTICE**

Complete the caption as on your existing Custody Order. Write the other party’s name on the line after the word “You.” Circle the word “Modify” and circle the type(s) of custody you have in your existing order. Print the child or children’s INITIALS on the second blank after the heading. Do not write the children’s names, because that information is confidential and not available to the public. Do not do anything further on this sheet.

**3. THIRD FORM – ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AS SELF-REPRESENTED PARTY**

Complete the caption as on your existing Custody Order. Fill out the blanks in the form, and write the information requested. Skip paragraph 4 if you never had an attorney.

**4. FOURTH FORM – PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF A CUSTODY ORDER**

Complete the caption as on your existing Custody Order. The numbers below match the numbers on the Petition. You are the Petitioner, because you are filing the petition.

1. Print your name, address, and phone number.
2. Print the other party’s name, address, and phone number. If there is more than one party, simply add those parties, perhaps on the back of the sheet.
3. Write each child’s initials and age. Do not write the names(s) or date(s) of birth, because that is confidential information not available to the public.
4. Print the date of the existing Order. Circle which type of custody was awarded.
5. Write the reason the order should be modified.
6. Write what you want the new order to say.

Sign, print your name, and write the date at the end. You are subject to penalties if you include false information in the Petition.

**5. FIFTH FORM – COMPLETED CRIMINAL/ABUSE HISTORY VERIFICATION**

Complete the caption as on previous forms. Write your name on the first line of the first paragraph. Check any boxes that are appropriate and fill out the required information. Sign, print, and date the final page.

**6. SIXTH FORM – BLANK CRIMINAL/ABUSE HISTORY VERIFICATION**

Complete the caption as on previous forms. Leave the rest of the form blank. This is for the other party to fill out and file after you serve it on them.

**7. SEVENTH DOCUMENT – A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT ORDER**

You MUST include a copy of the order you wish to modify. You may get a copy at the Prothonotary’s Office if you do not have one. You will be charged \$.50 per page.

**8. EIGHTH FORM – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORM**

This form is three pages long. This is the ONLY PLACE you list the names and birthdates of the children. This form will not be seen by the public.

Fill out the caption like you have done in the other documents. On the line that says “Court,” write “Lycoming County.”

On the third line, write “Modification of Custody,” where it asks for the title of the pleading, and write the date you are filing the petition.

For the rest of the first page, you only need to fill out the first column. You do not need to write anything for “full name of adult.” Just list each child’s initials, name, and date of birth separately, with the dotted line dividing each child’s information. If there are more than two children, use the additional page.

After you have listed each child, sign the form that states, “I certify that this filing complies . . .” Write the date and print the additional information requested under your signature. This means that you promise you have not put the children’s names or birthdates on the forms available to the public.

**9. AND 10. NINTH AND TENTH FORMS – FORMS TO WAIVE THE FILING FEE**

In order to file this petition, there is a fee that must be paid to the Prothonotary. This fee changes from time to time. As of January 1, 2018, it is \$25.75.

If you don’t think you can pay the filing fee, you may ask the Court to waive the cost. You will need to fill out and file two forms, in addition to the documents above. If you can afford to pay the filing fee, you will have to do so. The Court waives this cost only in cases where income is extremely low.

**NINTH FORM – ORDER TO PROCEED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF FEES AND COSTS**

Fill in the caption as on your existing Court Order. There is nothing more for you to fill out on this document. If the Court grants the Petition, your custody action can proceed. If not, you will be notified and you will have to pay the costs in order to continue.

## **TENTH FORM – PETITION TO PROCEED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF FEES AND COSTS**

Fill out the caption as on the other documents. The rest of the form is quite clear. You are asked to fill in facts about your personal finances. Be sure to include income from all sources, including government benefits like Public Assistance, unemployment compensation, and food stamps. Don't forget money your spouse receives, if you are married; from your parents if they help you; from friends or other family members; or from an Order for child support. Finally, identify all persons who depend on your income for support, including children who live with you. Do not list the children's names—only their initials and age.

Sections 4 and 5 of this Petition are important. Be sure that you read these paragraphs. They require you to inform the Court of any improvement in your financial situation which might permit you to pay some or all of the costs at a later date. When you date and sign the Petition after paragraph 5, you are promising that the information you have filled in is true. There will be consequences if you make false statements.

You have now completed the forms necessary to request the Court to allow you to proceed without paying the costs.

### **COPIES**

*After you have completed forms one through eight, clip them together in order, with the Motion Cover Sheet on the front. You will also need a copy of your current custody order, which you can get at the Prothonotary's office. You will then need to get copies made. You need a copy for yourself, one for the other party, and one for each additional party, if there are any. The original will stay at court, in the Prothonotary's office.*

*If you are filing a request to proceed without paying costs, you will need to make one copy of those documents, too (forms nine and ten).*

*You are now ready to file all of the papers with the Prothonotary.*



## **HOW TO FILE THE PETITION**

Take all of your completed forms (including the copies) to the Prothonotary's Office on the first floor of the Lycoming County Courthouse at 48 West Third Street, Williamsport, on any weekday (Monday through Friday) between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Separate the papers into the three groups shown below, and put them in the order shown below. You MUST have the groups of documents listed under First Group and Second Group. If you are asking the Court to waive the filing fee, you should also have the documents listed under Third Group.

**1. FIRST GROUP:** (1) Motion Cover Sheet, (2) Order and Notice, (3) Entry of Appearance as Self-Represented Party, (4) Petition for Modification of a Custody Order, (5) Completed Criminal/Abuse History Verification, (6) Blank Criminal/Abuse History Verification , and (7) a copy of your Current Custody Order

*You will need an original and at least two copies of all these forms.*

**2. SECOND GROUP:** Confidential Information Form (2 pages if there are less than three children, 3 pages if there are three children or more).

*You will need an original and at least two copies of all these forms.*

**3. THIRD GROUP:** If you are asking to have the filing fee waived, you will need: (1) Order to Proceed Without Payment of Fees and Costs, and (2) Petition to Proceed without Payment of Fees and Costs.

*You will need an original and one copy of each of these documents.*



**The Prothonotary will file stamp all of the documents. The Prothonotary will keep all the forms. The case will be given a date for a Family Court Conference, and then the copies will be mailed back to you.**

**The original documents that you filled out become part of the permanent court record and remain in the Prothonotary's Office. Of the copies that are mailed back to you, keep one copy of each document for yourself.**

**You must then promptly serve one copy of the First Group (see above) and one copy of the Second Group (see above) of documents on the other party or parties. Go to the next set of instructions to find out how to serve the other party or parties. You do not have to serve the Third Group of documents.**



## **HOW TO SERVE THE OTHER PARTY**

It is not enough to simply talk to the other party about the modification petition or the conference date. You must give the other party legal notice that you have filed for custody. This kind of notice is called “service.”

Service of the papers is **YOUR** responsibility. **IT IS IMPORTANT TO SERVE THE OTHER PARTY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** If you do not serve the other party in time for them to have reasonable notice and an opportunity to prepare for the conference, the Court may reschedule the conference for a later date.

If you have the funds to do so, you can pay the Sheriff, Constable, or process server to serve the papers for you and to file an Affidavit of Service for you. Otherwise, you will need to serve by one of the following two methods. You will then need to fill out an Affidavit of Service, and file the Affidavit of Service at the Prothonotary’s Office.

### **CERTIFIED MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL:**

To serve by this method, you must send all of the documents stated above by **certified mail, with return receipt requested and restricted delivery AND regular mail** to the other party’s address. “Restricted delivery” means that the return receipt must be signed by the other party only.

When you go to the post office, someone at the window can give you the forms to send the certified mail. The cost **MUST** be paid at that time. When you send the certified mail, you will be given a “sender’s receipt” (a little white receipt). Keep this receipt to include with your proof of service. Also send the other party a copy of the papers by regular mail.

You should mail the documents to the other party as soon as possible after you receive them in the mail from the Prothonotary’s Office. The other party should receive them ***at least ten (10) days before the conference date.***

Once the other party has signed the green receipt, indicating that he or she has received the documents, service is complete. You will have proof that service is complete when you receive the green receipt with the other party’s signature on it. When you receive that green receipt, you must save it. It is to be included with your original receipt and attached to the Affidavit of Service.

If the certified mail is **REFUSED** by the other party, you will get a notice from the Post Office saying it was refused. If the regular mail is not returned within fifteen (15) days, service may be considered complete. If mail is returned **UNCLAIMED**, service will need to be made another way.

### **PERSONAL SERVICE:**

You can have a person who is 18 years of age or older, who is not a party to the action or an employee or relative of a party to the action, serve the papers. Therefore, if you are the person filing the petition, you should not serve the papers yourself, and you should not have anyone who is related to you or who works for you, serve the papers.

The person who serves the papers can do it in one of these ways:

- (a) by handing a copy to the other party; or
- (b) by handing a copy to an adult member of the family with whom the other party resides; or
- (c) by handing a copy of the papers to an adult person in charge of the residence at the time (example: babysitter, etc.); or
- (d) by going to the opposing party's usual place of business and handing a copy to the opposing party's agent (one that acts for or representative of) or to the person in charge.

**10 and 11: AFFIDAVITS OF SERVICE:** Choose ONE of the two Affidavit of Service forms that follow these instructions. There is one for service by certified mail and regular mail, and one for personal service. You have to fill out and file one of these forms with the Prothonotary after you serve the other party, unless you pay a Sheriff or Constable to do it for you. If you are serving more than one person, you have to complete and file a separate Affidavit for each one.

The Affidavit of Service should be completed and filed with the Prothonotary as soon as service is completed. Make a copy for yourself, and bring it to the custody conference.

### **ELEVENTH FORM – AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL**

- Fill in the caption.
- Fill in the blanks.
- Staple your sender's receipt (the white receipt) and the green card you got back in the mail to the Affidavit.
- Sign and date at the bottom and make one copy of everything.
- File at the Prothonotary's Office before the conference and keep a time-stamped copy for your records.

### **TWELFTH FORM – AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY PERSONAL SERVICE:**

This form is completed by someone else who serves the papers for you, and then you file it with the Prothonotary before the conference.

- Fill in the caption.
- Fill in the blank spaces.
- Check the paragraph that best describes how the papers were served.
- Have the person who served the papers sign, date, and write his/her address and telephone number at the bottom.
- Make one copy and file at the Prothonotary's Office before the conference. Keep a time-stamped copy for your records.

## **THE FAMILY COURT CUSTODY CONFERENCE**

After you file the paperwork, a conference will be scheduled with a Family Court Hearing Officer. The Family Court Hearing Officer is an attorney who was appointed by the Court to handle custody cases. In Lycoming County, there are two Hearing Officers.

**YOU MUST ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.** **DO NOT** bring the children to the conference. The other party has the right to attend and ask the Family Court Hearing Officer for any changes he/she might want made to the order.

The Family Court Hearing Officer will listen to both parties and try to work out an agreement. If you reach an agreement at the Family Court Conference, the Hearing Officer will produce the Order, confirmed by a Judge's signature, and send the new Order to you and to the other party in the mail. That Order will either be a final Order.

If the parties do NOT reach an agreement, the Family Court Hearing Officer will probably not change the existing order. The Family Court Hearing Officer will schedule a pre-trial conference in front of a judge. The Hearing Officer may also make a referral for a Guardian Ad Litem. If you do not reach an agreement at the pre-trial conference, the case will be scheduled for a custody trial.

**MODIFICATION OF AN  
EXISTING CUSTODY ORDER**

**PART TWO: FORMS**

**LYCOMING COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
MOTION COVER SHEET**

_____	:	Docket No:
Plaintiff	:	
	:	Case Assigned to Judge
vs.	:	<input type="checkbox"/> None
	:	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Court Hearing Officer
_____	:	
Defendant	:	

1. Name of Filing Party: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Filing Party's Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Type of Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>4. The following is/are requested:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Argument</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Evidentiary Hearing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Court Conference</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rule to Show Cause</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Entry of Uncontested Order (attach supporting documentation)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Consideration. State the basis: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Video conferencing requested. Request form has been submitted. See Lyc. Co. R.G.C.B. L8.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attach this cover sheet to original motion previously filed on: _____</p> <p>5. Time Required: _____</p>	<p>6. Name and addresses of all counsel of record and unrepresented parties:</p> <p>_____ Continued on a Separate Sheet.</p>
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**ORDER**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ An \_\_\_\_\_ argument \_\_\_\_\_ factual hearing \_\_\_\_\_ court conference is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M., in courtroom No. \_\_\_\_\_, Lycoming County Courthouse, Williamsport, PA.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Briefs are to be filed by the following dates:  
Filing Party \_\_\_\_\_.  
Responding party (ies) \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ A rule is issued upon Respondent to show cause why the Petitioner is not entitled to the relief requested.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ A response to the Motion/Petition shall be filed within \_\_\_\_\_ days.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ See order attached. \_\_\_\_\_ See separate order issued this date.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**c: ALL PARTIES OR OTHERS TO BE SERVED WITH NOTICE MUST BE DESIGNATED IN "6" ABOVE. NOTICE:** The parties are directed to confer for the purpose of resolving any issue raised in the motion/petition. If a resolution is reached prior to the scheduled date, the moving party shall immediately notify the court scheduling technician, the judge or hearing officer assigned to hear the matter, and all counsel of record or parties if unrepresented. Such notice may be in writing or by email.

Plaintiff	:	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
	:	LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
	:	
vs.	:	CIVIL ACTION - LAW
	:	CUSTODY
	:	
Defendant	:	NO.

**ORDER AND NOTICE**

You, \_\_\_\_\_, (non-filing party), have been sued in Court to (obtain/modify)(shared legal custody)(sole legal custody)(partial physical custody)(primary physical custody) (shared physical custody)(sole physical custody)(supervised physical custody) of the child(ren): IDENTIFY EACH CHILD BY INITIALS ONLY—DO NOT WRITE THE NAME

If you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing/conference, an order for custody, partial custody, or visitation may be entered against you, or the Court may issue a warrant for your arrest.

You must file with the Court a verification regarding any criminal record or abuse history regarding you and anyone living in your household on or before the initial in-person contact with the Court (including, but not limited to, a conference with a conference officer or judge or conciliation), but not later than 30 days after service of the Complaint or Petition.

No party may make a change in the residence of any child which significantly impairs the ability of the other party to exercise custodial rights without first complying with all of the applicable provisions of 23 Pa. C.S. §5337 and Pa. R.C.P. No. 1915.17, regarding relocation.

**YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE ONE OF THE OFFICES SET FORTH BELOW. THESE OFFICES CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THESE OFFICES MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.**

<b>If you do not have a lawyer contact:</b>  <b>Pennsylvania Bar Association          Lawyer Referral Service          100 South Bend Street, P.O. Box 186          Harrisburg, PA 17108-0186          (800) 692-7375</b>	<b>If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may be eligible for legal aid through:</b>  <b>North Penn Legal Services          25 West Third Street, Suite 400          Williamsport, PA 17701          (570) 323-8741</b>
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BY THE COURT,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ J.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES  
ACT OF 1990**

**The Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County is required by law to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. For information about accessible facilities and reasonable accommodations available to disabled individuals having business before the court, please contact the Court Administrator's office, telephone number (570)327-2330. All arrangements must be made at least 72 hours prior to any hearing or business before the court.**

\_\_\_\_\_, : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
 Plaintiff : LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
 :  
 vs. : NO.  
 : CIVIL ACTION - LAW  
 \_\_\_\_\_, :  
 Defendant : CUSTODY

**ENTRY OF APPEARANCE OF SELF-REPRESENTED PARTY**  
**Pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1930.8**

1. My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I am the \_\_\_\_\_ Plaintiff  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Defendant

3. I represent myself in this action.

4. REMOVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL OF RECORD (IF APPLICABLE)  
**[FILL OUT THIS PART ONLY IF YOU HAVE AN ATTORNEY OF RECORD]**

\_\_\_\_\_ Remove \_\_\_\_\_, Esquire as my attorney of record.

\_\_\_\_\_ Withdraw my appearance for the filing party  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Esquire (Print attorney name) ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_

5. I understand that I am under a continuing obligation to provide current contact information to the court, to other self-represented parties, and to attorneys of record.

**All pleadings and legal papers can be served on me at the address listed below, which may or may not be my home address pursuant to Rule 1930.8.**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE PARTY FILING THIS ENTRY OF APPEARANCE MUST PROVIDE NOTICE BY SENDING A COPY TO ALL PARTIES AND ATTORNEYS, INCLUDING THE ATTORNEY REMOVED FROM THE CASE.**

\_\_\_\_\_,  
 Plaintiff  
 vs.  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Defendant

: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
 : LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
 :  
 : CIVIL ACTION – LAW  
 : CUSTODY  
 :  
 : NO.

**PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF A CUSTODY ORDER**

1. The Petitioner is \_\_\_\_\_ and resides at:  
 (name of party filing the petition)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street, City, County, State, and Zip Code)

The Petitioner's phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Respondent is \_\_\_\_\_, and resides at:  
 (name of other party)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street, City, County, State, and Zip Code)

His/her phone number is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The children involved in this case are: LIST EACH CHILD BY INITIALS AND AGE ONLY. DO NOT WRITE THE NAME OR BIRTH DATE.

<u>INITIALS</u>	<u>AGE</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. Petitioner respectfully represents that on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

An order was entered for (shared legal custody) (sole legal custody) (partial physical custody) (primary physical custody) (shared physical custody) (sole physical custody) (supervised physical custody). A true and correct copy of the Order is attached.



5. This order should be modified because: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. This order should be modified to say: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Petitioner has attached the Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification form required pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.3-2.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that the Court modify the existing Order because it will be in the best interest of the child(ren).

I verify that the statements made in this Petition for Modification are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner (your signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

	:	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
Plaintiff	:	LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
	:	
vs.	:	CIVIL ACTION – LAW
	:	CUSTODY
	:	
	:	NO.
Defendant	:	

**CRIMINAL RECORD/ABUSE HISTORY VERIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby swear or affirm, subject to penalties of law including 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities that:

1. Unless indicated by my checking the box next to a crime below, neither I nor any other member of my household have been convicted or pled guilty or pled no contest or was adjudicated delinquent where the record is publicly available pursuant to the Juvenile Act, 42 Pa. C.S. §6307 to any of the following crimes in Pennsylvania, or a substantially equivalent crime in any other jurisdiction, including pending charges:

Check all that apply	Crime	Self	Other Household Member	Date of Conviction, Guilty Plea or Pending Charges	Sentence
	18 Pa. C.S. Ch. 25 (relating to criminal homicide)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2702 (relating to aggravated assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2706 (relating to terroristic threats)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2709.1 (relating to stalking)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2901 (relating to kidnapping)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2902 (relating to unlawful restraint)				

<b>Check all that apply</b>	<b>Crime</b>	<b>Self</b>	<b>Other Household Member</b>	<b>Date of Conviction, Guilty Plea or Pending Charges</b>	<b>Sentence</b>
	18 Pa. C.S. §2903 (relating to false imprisonment)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2910 (relating to luring a child into a motor vehicle or structure)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3121 (relating to rape)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3124.1 (relating to sexual assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3126 (relating to indecent assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3127 (relating to indecent exposure)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3129 (relating to sexual intercourse with animal)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3130 (relating to conduct relating to sex offenders)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3301 (relating to arson and related offenses)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §4302 (relating to incest)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §4303 (relating to concealing death of a child)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §4304 (relating to endangering welfare of children)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §4305 (relating to dealing in infant children)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §5902(b) (relating to prostitution and related offenses)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §5903(c ) or (d) (relating to obscene and other sexual materials and performances)				

<b>Check all that apply</b>	<b>Crime</b>	<b>Self</b>	<b>Other Household Member</b>	<b>Date of Conviction, Guilty Plea or Pending Charges</b>	<b>Sentence</b>
	18 Pa. C.S. §6301 (relating to corruption of minors)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §6318 relating to unlawful contact with minor)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §6320 (relating to sexual exploitation of children)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §6114 (relating to contempt for violation of protection order or agreement)				
	Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol				
	Manufacture, sale, delivery, holding, offering for sale or possession of any controlled substance or other drug or device				

2. Unless indicated by my checking the box next to an item below, neither I nor any other member in my household have a history of violent or abusive conduct, or involvement with a Children and Youth agency, including the following:

<b>Check all that apply</b>	<b>Crime</b>	<b>Self</b>	<b>Other Household Member</b>	<b>Date</b>
	A finding of abuse by a Children and Youth Agency or similar agency in Pennsylvania or similar statute in another jurisdiction			
	Abusive conduct as defined under the Protection from Abuse Act in Pennsylvania, or similar statute in another jurisdiction			
	Involvement with a Children and Youth Agency or similar agency in Pennsylvania or another jurisdiction.  Where?: _____			
	Other:			

3. Please list any evaluation, counseling, or other treatment received following conviction or finding of abuse.

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I verify that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, or belief. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Plaintiff	:	LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
	:	
vs.	:	CIVIL ACTION – LAW
	:	CUSTODY
	:	
Defendant	:	NO.

**CRIMINAL RECORD/ABUSE HISTORY VERIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby swear or affirm, subject to penalties of law including 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities that:

1. Unless indicated by my checking the box next to a crime below, neither I nor any other member of my household have been convicted or pled guilty or pled no contest or was adjudicated delinquent where the record is publicly available pursuant to the Juvenile Act, 42 Pa. C.S. §6307 to any of the following crimes in Pennsylvania, or a substantially equivalent crime in any other jurisdiction, including pending charges:

Check all that apply	Crime	Self	Other Household Member	Date of Conviction, Guilty Plea or Pending Charges	Sentence
	18 Pa. C.S. Ch. 25 (relating to criminal homicide)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2702 (relating to aggravated assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2706 (relating to terroristic threats)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2709.1 (relating to stalking)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2901 (relating to kidnapping)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §2902 (relating to unlawful restraint)				

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	18 Pa. C.S. §2910 (relating to luring a child into a motor vehicle or structure)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3121 (relating to rape)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3124.1 (relating to sexual assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3126 (relating to indecent assault)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3127 (relating to indecent exposure)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3129 (relating to sexual intercourse with animal)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3130 (relating to conduct relating to sex offenders)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §3301 (relating to arson and related offenses)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §4302 (relating to incest)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §4303 (relating to concealing death of a child)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §4304 (relating to endangering welfare of children)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §4305 (relating to dealing in infant children)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §5902(b) (relating to prostitution and related offenses)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §5903(c ) or (d) (relating to obscene and other sexual materials and performances)				

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	18 Pa. C.S. §6312 (relating to sexual abuse of children)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §6318 relating to unlawful contact with minor)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §6320 (relating to sexual exploitation of children)				
	18 Pa. C.S. §6114 (relating to contempt for violation of protection order or agreement)				
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Signature

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Printed Name

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Date

**CONFIDENTIAL  
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FORM**



**APPELLATE/TRIAL COURT  
CASE RECORDS**

*Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Party name as displayed in case caption)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Docket/Case No.

Vs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Party name as displayed in case caption)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Court

This form is associated with the pleading titled \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_.

Pursuant to the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania : Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts*, the Confidential Information Form shall accompany a filing where confidential information is **required by law, ordered by the court, or otherwise necessary to effect the disposition of a matter**. This form, and any additional pages, shall remain confidential, except that it shall be available to the parties, counsel of record, the court, and the custodian. This form, and any additional pages, must be served on all unrepresented parties and counsel of record.

This Information Pertains to:	Confidential Information	References in Filing:
<p>_____ (full name of adult)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>This information pertains to a minor with the initials of _____ and the full name of _____ (full name of minor)</p> <p>And date of birth: _____</p>	<p>_____ Social Security Number (SSN):</p> <p>_____ Financial Account Number (FAN):</p> <p>_____ Driver's License Number (DLN):</p> <p>_____ State of Issuance:</p> <p>_____ State Identification Number (SID):</p>	<p>Alternative Reference: SSN 1</p> <p>Alternative Reference: FAN 1</p> <p>Alternative Reference: DLN 1</p> <p>Alternative Reference: SID 1</p>
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Additional page for additional children (if necessary)

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I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Attorney or Unrepresented Party

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney Number: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE:* Parties and attorney of record in a case will have access to this Confidential Information Form.

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Plaintiff	:	LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
	:	
vs.	:	CIVIL ACTION – LAW
	:	CUSTODY
	:	
	:	NO.
Defendant	:	

**ORDER TO PROCEED WITHOUT  
PAYMENT OF FEES AND COSTS**

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, upon consideration of the within Petition, it is hereby ordered that the Petitioner shall/shall not be permitted to proceed in this matter without payment of fees and costs.

BY THE COURT,

\_\_\_\_\_  
J.

_____	:	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
Plaintiff	:	LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
	:	
vs.	:	CIVIL ACTION – LAW
	:	CUSTODY
	:	
_____	:	
Defendant	:	NO.

**PETITION TO PROCEED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF FEES AND COSTS**

1. I am a party in the above matter and because of my financial condition I am unable to pay the fees and costs of prosecuting or defending the action or proceeding.
2. I am unable to obtain funds from anyone, including my family and associates, to pay the costs of litigation.
3. I represent that the information below relating to my ability to pay the fees and costs is true and correct:

**(a) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(b) Employment**

If you are presently employed, state

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Salary or wages per month: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are presently unemployed, state

Date of last employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Salary or Wages per month: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work: \_\_\_\_\_

**(c) Other income within the past twelve months**

Business or profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Other self-employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Dividends: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pension and annuities: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social security benefits: \_\_\_\_\_  
Support payments: \_\_\_\_\_  
Disability payments: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unemployment compensation and supplemental benefits: \_\_\_\_\_  
Workers' compensation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Public assistance: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**(d) Other contributions to household support**

Do you have a spouse? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

If your spouse is employed, state

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Salary or wages per month: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions from children: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions from parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Other contributions: \_\_\_\_\_

**(e) Property owned**

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

Checking account: \_\_\_\_\_

Savings account: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificates of deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

Real estate (including home): \_\_\_\_\_

Motor vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Owed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Stocks and bonds: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**(f) Debts and obligations**

Mortgage: \_\_\_\_\_

Rent: \_\_\_\_\_

Loans: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**(g) Persons dependent upon you for support**

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children

List INITIALS of each child. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

List ages of children (no birthdates). Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Other persons who depend on you for support

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

4. I understand that I have a continuing obligation to inform the Court of improvement in my financial circumstances which would permit me to pay the costs incurred herein.

5. I verify that the statements made in this affidavit are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name Here: \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_, : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
 Plaintiff : LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
 :  
 vs. : CIVIL ACTION - LAW  
 : CUSTODY  
 \_\_\_\_\_, :  
 Defendant : NO.

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, I  
 (your name) (date mailed)  
 mailed a true and correct copy of the Motion Cover Sheet, Order and Notice, Petition for  
 Modification, completed Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification, a blank Criminal  
 Record/Abuse History Verification, a copy of the current Custody Order, and the Confidential  
 Information Form. These documents were sent by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt  
 requested, to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (other parent/party's name and address)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I also mailed a true and correct copy of these documents by regular  
 mail to the other party at the same address on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (date mailed)

- The other party received the documents on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (date received)  
 Sender's receipt and return receipt are attached.
- The other party refused the certified mail, and the sender's receipt and refusal are  
 attached.
- The regular mail has not been returned as undeliverable.

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are  
 made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
 Plaintiff : LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
 :  
 vs. : CIVIL ACTION - LAW  
 : CUSTODY  
 \_\_\_\_\_, :  
 Defendant : NO.

**AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am a competent adult who is  
 (person serving other parent/party)  
 18 years of age or older, and I am not a party to this action or an employee or relative of a party  
 to this action. On \_\_\_\_\_, I served a true and correct copy of the  
 (date)  
 Motion Cover Sheet, Notice and Order, Petition for Modification of Custody, completed Criminal  
 Record/Abuse History Verification, a blank Criminal Record/Abuse, a copy of the current Custody

Order and the Confidential Information Form upon \_\_\_\_\_ by:  
 (other parent/party)

- handing a copy to him/her;
- handing a copy to an adult family member at his/her residence by the name of \_\_\_\_\_;
- handing a copy to an adult in charge of his/her residence by the name of \_\_\_\_\_;
- handing a copy to an adult in charge at his/her place of employment by the name of \_\_\_\_\_,

at this address/location: \_\_\_\_\_,  
 (place served)

at approximately \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (time of day/am-pm)

I verify that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (server's signature)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_