

**WAC 388-14A-3905 What if I don't agree with DCS' findings after review?** (1) Except as provided under subsection (3) of this section, a party to the review process may contest DCS's review findings by requesting a modification conference within thirty days of the date of the notice of review findings.

(2) The modification conference is conducted by:

(a) DCS when the review findings indicate that the case is not appropriate for DCS to petition for modification under WAC 388-14A-3903;

(b) The county prosecutor, or the attorney general's office when DCS has referred the case to the prosecutor or attorney general's office as a result of a review conducted under this section.

(3) When DCS has petitioned for modification of:

(a) A superior court order, the prosecutor or attorney general's office may, in their discretion, allow the parties to contest the review findings in the modification proceeding, rather than a modification conference. The modification proceeding is the sole means to contest the review findings.

(b) An administrative order, the parties may contest the review findings in the modification proceeding. In this case, the modification proceeding is the sole means to contest the review findings.

(4) In a modification conference, DCS the prosecutor, or the attorney general's office:

(a) Review all available income and asset information to determine if the review findings are correct; and

(b) Advise the parties of the results of the modification conference.

(5) A modification conference is not an adjudicative proceeding under the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

(6) This section does not limit the right of any party to petition for a modification of the support order independent from the review and modification process.

(7) The CP's refusal to accept a proposed agreed order modifying support does not constitute noncooperation for the purpose of WAC 388-14A-2075.

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