

WAC 388-14A-4124 Who are the parties involved with the National Medical Support Notice?

(1) The National Medical Support Notice (NMSN) is a federally mandated form used by child support enforcement agencies to enforce an obligated parent's medical support obligation. The division of child support (DCS) uses the NMSN as provided in WAC 388-14A-4120.

(2) DCS sends an NMSN when there is a support order requiring the obligated parent to provide health insurance coverage for the children.

(3) DCS sends the NMSN to the obligated parent's employer.

(4) If the employer provides health insurance coverage, the employer forwards the NMSN to the appropriate plan administrator.

(5) The plan administrator is the entity which handles the ministerial functions for the group health plan maintained by the employer or a group health plan to which the employer contributes.

(6) In some cases, the employer performs the duties of the plan administrator.

(7) In some cases, the obligated parent's union either acts as or contracts with the plan administrator.

(8) The plan administrator sends coverage information to both DCS and the custodial parent (CP). In cases where the CP is the obligated parent, DCS sends coverage information to the noncustodial parent (NCP).

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