

<b>CHILD SUPPORT FINDINGS FOR DEVIATION</b>	Docket No. _____	<b>Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court</b>
Name: _____		<b>Division</b> _____
<b>CHILD SUPPORT FINDINGS FOR DEVIATION FROM GUIDELINES</b>		

**I. The amount of the order which would result from the application of the Child Support Guidelines is:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Weekly ☐ Biweekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**II. The Child Support Guidelines are applicable in this case however the Court finds the presumptiveness of the Child Support Guidelines has been rebutted because, after considering the best interests of the child(ren), the application of the Guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate.**

The specific facts of this case which justify departure from the Guidelines are:

☐ The Court has reviewed the agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ presented by the parties, and accepts the agreed-upon facts as stated in the agreement.

☐ The child (one of the children) has special needs or aptitudes which are:

☐ The child (one of the children) has extraordinary medical or other expenses which are:

☐ Application of the Guidelines, particularly in low income cases, leaves a party without the ability to self support.

☐ Payor is incarcerated, is likely to remain incarcerated for an additional 3 years and has insufficient financial resources to pay support.

☐ Application of the guidelines would result in a gross disparity in the standard of living between the two households such that one household is left with an unreasonably low percentage of the combined available income. Which parent: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ A parent has extraordinary medical expenses. Which parent: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ A parent has extraordinary travel or other expenses related to parenting. Which parent: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Application of the guidelines may adversely impact re-unification of a parent and child where the child has been temporarily removed from the household based upon allegation of neglect.

☐ Absent deviation, application of the guidelines would lead to an order that is unjust, inappropriate or not in the best interests of the child.

☐ A parent has extraordinary health insurance expenses. Which parent: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ A parent is absorbing a child care cost that is disproportionate in relation to their income. Which parent: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ A parent provides less than one-third of the parenting time for a child or children. Which parent: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**III. The Guidelines are not applicable in this case because:**

☐ The combined gross income of the parties exceeds \$250,000.

☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Per Court Order dated \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ plaintiff/petitioner ☐ defendant/petitioner

was ordered to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Weekly ☐ Biweekly ☐ Monthly

☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Justice of the Probate and Family Court

**THESE FINDINGS MUST BE FILED AND DOCKETED WITH THE CASE.**