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September 23, 2020

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: Child Support Managers and Supervisors

SUBJECT: Orders Superseding a Domestic Violence Protective Order (DVPO)

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

Session Law 2019-168/Senate Bill 493 modified North Carolina General Statute 50B-7 to specify that **any** subsequent court order entered supersedes similar provisions in domestic violence protective orders (DVPO) issued pursuant to Chapter 50B, applying to DVPO's in effect on or after December 1, 2019. For CSS purposes, the terminology "similar provisions" would include an order for child support in the DVPO.

Child Support staff must determine whether a domestic violence order already exists when establishing or enforcing child support orders in in-state and intergovernmental initiating cases. These protective orders are intended to provide temporary relief, and parties may desire to seek more permanent relief in other types of proceedings under Chapter 50 or 110.

If the child support agency pursues a subsequent order for child support payments, it is vital to know the provisions of the DVPO to avoid unintended consequences or confusion.

The child support policy manual has been updated to reflect the information in Chapter B – Case Intake/Case Assignment, Chapter J – Support Establishment, and Chapter R – Intergovernmental.

If you have any questions, please contact the Policy and Training Unit at csetraining@dhhs.nc.gov or your Regional Program Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carla L. West'.

Carla L. West
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North Carolina Child Support Director

cc: Regional Program Representatives

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