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Reference: Foster Care Addresses in Child Support Court Orders

On August 11, 2014, G.S. § 110-136.3(a) was amended to read that "a IV-D child support order" shall "[i]nclude the current residence and mailing address of the custodial parent, or the address of the child if the address of the custodial parent and the address of the child are different." However, after consulting with its attorneys, the Division is providing the following guidance, to help reconcile this new statutory language with the confidentiality requirements in cases governed by Chapter 7B of the General Statutes. If a child is in a court-ordered placement pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 7B, the child's address is confidential information that may only be disclosed through proper procedures in the Chapter 7B case. Consequently, no address for such a child should be included in a IV-D child support order. If a parent or other party in a IV-D child support case inquires about the address of a child in a court-ordered placement, that person should be instructed to direct any inquiry to the local child welfare agency.

Sincerely,

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