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Rule 17.300—Form 315: ***Answer to Application to Modify Child Support***

The party served with an Application to Modify Child Support must file an Answer within **20 days** after receiving the Application and Original Notice, or the **court may enter a judgment against that party** giving Applicant what he or she asked for in the Application.

Use this Answer form 315 if you received Application form 301, otherwise use form 316.

Read the *Guide to Representing Yourself in a Child Support Modification Case in Iowa* on the Iowa Judicial Branch website before using this form.

- *If filing electronically and you include protected information on this form, fill out or update the Protected Information Disclosure (311) if you have not already done so.*
- *If filing in paper, you may use form 311 to provide any protected information in full..*

If you do not understand how to use this form, or if you should use this form, talk to an attorney.

In the Iowa District Court for _____ **County**

County where Application is filed

Upon the Application of _____ **Petitioner** *Full name of Petitioner as it is in the Application* and concerning _____ **Respondent** *Full name of Respondent as it is in the Application*	Equity case no._____ **Answer to Application to Modify Child Support**

1. Personal Information *Fill in all information that you know.*

A. Applicant's (the party seeking to modify child support) information *Check one*

If paragraph 1A *of the Petition (form 301) is not correct, check* (2) *and fill in the blanks.*

(1) ☐ Applicant's name, birth year, present residence, and contact information are correct in the Application.

(2) ☐ Applicant's name, birth year, present residence, and contact information are not correct in the Application.

The correct information is:

_____ _____
Full name *Birth year*

_____ _____ _____ _____
Present street address *City* *State* *ZIP code*

_____ (_____) _____ _____
County *Phone number* *Email address*

B. Your (other parent's) information *Check one*

If paragraph 1B *of the Petition (form 301) is not correct, check* (2) *and fill in the blanks.*

(1) ☐ Your (other parent's) name, birth year, present residence, and contact information are correct in the Application.

(2) ☐ Your name, birth year, present residence, and contact information are not correct in the Application.

The correct information is:

_____ _____
Full name *Birth year*

_____ _____ _____ _____
Present street address *City* *State* *ZIP code*

_____ (_____) _____ _____
County *Phone number* *Email address*

C. Other person (non-parent) who receives child support *Check one*

(1) ☐ There is no non-parent who gets child support in this case.

(2) ☐ There is a non-parent who gets child support in this case.

If you check (2) *check* a *or* b.

a. ☐ The information about the other person who receives child support is correct in the Application.

- *If you check* a *skip to* 2.
- *If paragraph* 1C *of the Application (form 301) is not correct, check* b *and fill in the blanks.*

b. ☐ The information about the other person who receives child support is not correct in the Application. The correct information is:

_____ _____
Full name: first, middle, last *Birth year*

_____ _____ _____ _____
Present street address *City* *State* *ZIP code*

_____ (_____) _____ _____
County *Phone number* *Email address*

2. General Information about this Case

A. Current child support order

If paragraph 2A *of the Application (form 301) is not correct, check* b *and fill in the blanks.*

(1) Date order entered *Check one*

a. ☐ The Application provides the correct date of the child support order.

b. ☐ The Application does not provide the correct date of the child support order. The correct date is:

_____ _____, _____
Month *Day* *Year*

(2) County and state where the order is entered *Check one*

a. ☐ The Application provides the correct county and state of the current child support order.

b. ☐ The Application does not provide the correct county and state of the current child support order. The correct county and state is:

_____ _____
County *State*

(3) Case number of the current child support order *Check one*

a. ☐ The Application provides the correct case number of the current child support order.

b. ☐ The Application does not provide the correct case number of the current child support order. The correct case number is:

_____
Case number

(4) Person who pays child support *Check one*

a. ☐ The Application provides the correct name of the person who pays child support in this case.

b. ☐ The Application does not provide the correct name of the person who pays child support in this case. The correct name is:

_____
Name: first, last

(5) Person who receives child support *Check one*

a. ☐ The Application provides the correct name of the person who receives child support in this case.

b. ☐ The Application does not provide the correct name of the person who receives child support in this case. The correct name is:

_____
Name: first, last

(6) Current amount of child support paid

a. ☐ The Application provides the correct amount of child support in this case.

b. ☐ The Application does not provide the correct amount of child support in this case. The correct amount is:

$_____ per _____.
Amount *Frequency*

B. Copy of current child support order *Check one*

(1) ☐ A copy of the current child support order was attached to the Application.

(2) ☐ A copy of the current child support order was not attached to the Application.

C. Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU) *Check one*

(1) ☐ The Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU) is involved in this case.

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(2) ☐ The Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU) is not involved in this case.

D. Collection Services Center (CSC) *Check one*

(1) ☐ The Collection Services Center (CSC) is involved in this case.

The CSC number is: _____

(2) ☐ The Collection Services Center (CSC) is not involved in this case.

E. Other child support orders *Check one*

(1) ☐ There are no other child support orders for the child or children involved in this case.

(2) ☐ There are other child support orders for the child or children involved in this case.

They are:

Case Number	*County*	*State*
Case Number	*County*	*State*

☐ *Check this box if you are attaching a separate sheet listing additional child support orders.*

F. Children covered by current child support order *Check one*

(1) ☐ The Application correctly identifies the children covered by the current child support order.

(2) ☐ The Application does not correctly identify the children covered by the current child support order. The following children are covered by the current child support order:

First, middle, & last initials of each child	**Birth year**
(a)	
(b)	
(c)	

First, middle, & last initials of each child	**Birth year**
(d)	
(e)	
(f)	

☐ *Check this box if you have attached a separate sheet listing additional children.*

G. Amount of child support

(1) Juvenile court order *If you check* a, *check* i *or* ii

a. ☐ It is correct that there is a juvenile court order that changed where the child or children were living.
The person paying support has custody of the children.

i. ☐ The county and case number are correct in the Application.

ii. ☐ The county and case number are not correct in the Application.

If you check ii, *provide the correct information below*

The correct information is:

_____ _____
County *Case number*

b. ☐ There is no juvenile court order that gives care of the child to the party paying support.

(2) Who children live with *Check* a *or* b

a. ☐ It is correct that one or more of the children now live with the person paying support.

b. ☐ None of the children now live with the person who is ordered to pay support.

(3) Qualifying for child support *Check* a *or* b

a. ☐ It is correct that one or more of the children no longer qualify for child support.

b. ☐ There has been no change in the number of children who qualify for child support.

(4) Applicant's income *Check* a *or* b

a. ☐ I agree that Applicant's income has gone down.

b. ☐ I do not agree that Applicant's income has gone down.

(5) My income *Check* a *or* b

a. ☐ I agree that my income has gone up.

b. ☐ I do not agree that my income has gone up.

(6) My response to Applicant's "other reason" for requesting a change in child support:

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H. Child support amount should be *Check all that apply*

(1) ☐ Raised *Explain* _____

(2) ☐ Lowered *Explain* _____

(3) ☐ Stopped *Explain* _____

(4) ☐ Not be changed *Explain* _____

I. Tax deduction for the children *Check* (1) *or* (2)

(1) ☐ There is no court order at this time on tax deductions for the children.

(2) ☐ There is a court order at this time on tax deductions.

If you check (2), *check* a *or* b:

a. ☐ A court order currently says who gets the tax deduction for the child or children and it should stay the same.

b. ☐ A court order currently says who gets the tax deduction for the child or children and it should be changed. *Explain*

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J. Health care expenses for the children *Check* (1) *or* (2)

(1) ☐ There is no court order at this time on who pays health care expenses.

(2) ☐ There is a court order at this time on who pays health care expenses.

If you check (2), *check* a *or* b:

a. ☐ A court order currently says who pays for health care expenses for the child or children and it should stay the same.

b. ☐ A court order currently says who pays for health care expenses and it should be changed. *Explain*

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K. I (the other party) am *Check each that is true*

(1) ☐ In the military service

(2) ☐ In prison or jail at _____ in _____.
Name of facility *State*

L. Protective or no contact order *Check* (1) *or* (2)

(1) ☐ There is neither a "protective order" nor a "no contact order" between me and Applicant.

(2) ☐ There is a "protective order" or "no contact order" between me and Applicant.

If you check (2), *fill in the following information:*

a. County and state where the order came from: _____ _____
County *State*

b. Court case number:_____

3. I (the other parent) deny anything in the Application that I have not agreed is correct.

4. My (the other parent's) Request

A. I ask the court to:

Check all that apply. The court will only consider items that are checked.

(1) ☐ Dismiss the Application to Modify Child Support and leave child support as is.

(2) ☐ Raise the current child support payment.

(2) ☐ Lower the current child support payment.

(3) ☐ Stop payment of child support completely.

(4) ☐ Set child support for the parent who does not have the children.

(5) ☐ Change who gets the tax deduction for the child or children.

(6) ☐ Change who pays for health care expenses for the child or children.

(7) ☐ Order that Applicant pay the court fees.

(8) ☐ Order that Applicant pay my attorney fees.

(9) ☐ Other request: _____

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5. Attorney Help *Check one*

A. ☐ An attorney did not help me prepare or fill in this paper.

B. ☐ An attorney helped me prepare or fill in this paper.

If you check B, *you must fill in the following information*:

_____ _____
Name of attorney or organization, if any *Attorney's P.I.N. # – Ask the attorney*

_____ _____ _____ _____
Business address of attorney or organization *City* *State* *ZIP code*

(_____) _____ (_____) _____ _____
Attorney's phone number *Attorney's fax number – optional* *Attorney's email address – optional*

6. Service Instructions for Filing in Paper

Check A *or* B ***only if*** *you are* ***filing in paper****, not electronically*

A. ☐ I will accept service of documents at the attorney's address listed above; or

B. ☐ I will accept service of documents in this case at the mailing address below.

7. Certification of Service by Mailing or Delivery for Filing in Paper

Section 7 to be completed ***only if filing in paper*** *or if Applicant is exempt from electronic filing.*
This document, if filed electronically, will automatically be served on registered parties.

I, _____, certify that on _____ _____, 20_____
Print your name *Month* *Day* *Year*

I mailed or gave a copy of this Answer to Applicant or Applicant's attorney at this address:

_____
Name of person to whom I delivered or mailed it

_____ _____ _____ _____
Party's or attorney's mailing address *City* *State* *ZIP code*

8. Oath and Signature

I, _____, have read this Answer, and I certify under penalty
Print your name
of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the information I have provided in this Answer is true and correct.

_____ _____, 20_____ _____
Signed on: Month *Day* *Year* *Your signature**

_____ _____ _____ _____
Mailing address *City* *State* *ZIP code*

(_____) _____ _____ _____
Phone number *Email address* *Additional email address – if available*

* *Whether filing electronically or in paper, you must handwrite your signature on this form. If you are filing electronically, scan the form after signing it and then file electronically.*

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Important Notice

- See next page for instructions for filing an Answer.
- You must serve this Answer on the other parties.
- If the Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU) is involved in this case, you must also serve the Answer on CSRU.
- See the *Guide to Representing Yourself in a Child Support Modification Case in Iowa* for information on serving papers.

Do not file these instructions

Instructions for Filing an Answer to an Application to Modify Child Support

The Iowa Judicial Branch is converting the court system to electronic filing county by county. The electronic filing system is also known as EDMS. To determine if this case is in a county using electronic filing, check the map available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website under eFiling, or call the clerk of court office in your county. If your county accepts electronic filing, **you must file electronically** unless you get permission from the court to file in paper. Contact the clerk of court in your county if you are unable to file electronically.

Filing your Answer electronically

- If the Application was filed in a county that uses electronic filing, you must register to electronically file. For help with registration, *see* the eFiler's User Guide *How to Register Pro Se (Self Represented) for eFiling* on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.
- Scan the signed Answer form and save it as a .pdf. (Save it in a place that will be accessible to you when you electronically file.)
- Log in to EDMS on the Iowa Judicial Branch website and file your Answer.
  The login page can be accessed from two different paths: you may directly log in to EDMS; or from the judicial branch website menu, you may select "eFiling > eFile (EDMS) Login."
- For help, *see How to eFile to an Existing Case*.
- You will receive a Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) when the clerk of court has approved the eFiling of your Answer and other documents. You can then open the Answer and print a copy for your records.
- If there was a problem with your filing, EDMS will send you a Retraction Notice. You can then log in to My Filings, correct the error, and resubmit your Answer. For help, *see How to Resubmit a Returned Filing*.
- The NEF will indicate if your Applicant is exempt from electronic filing requirements, in which case, you must mail or serve in paper a copy of the document on Applicant if he or she does not have an attorney.

Filing your Answer in paper

- Make two photocopies of the original.
- If the Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU) is involved in your child support modification case, you must also provide each form you file to the CSRU office that serves the county where your child support case is filed.
- Take your original Answer form and the photocopies to the clerk of court's office in the county where the Application was filed. The county is listed at the top of the Application (form 301).
- The clerk will time-stamp your forms and copies.
- The clerk will take the original and give the copies back to you.
- Keep one of the copies for your records.
- Serve one of the copies of your Answer on Applicant.
- You can hand one of the copies of the Answer form to Applicant, **or** mail a copy to Applicant spouse at the address shown on the Application.
- If Applicant has an attorney, you should serve the Answer by mailing a copy to the attorney at the attorney's address on the Application if box 5A on the Application is checked.

Do not file these instructions