

COUNTY OF HUNTINGDON

OBTAINING A MODIFICATION OF AN CUSTODY ORDER

MODIFICATION OF CUSTODY

This form is to be used to modify an existing custody order in Huntingdon County, if you do not have an existing custody case in Huntingdon County please use the Custody Complaint form.

DISCLAIMER:

Court staff is not able to give you legal advice or help you fill out/complete these forms. The information in this packet is not a substitute for professional legal advice. The Court assumes no responsibility and accepts no liability for actions taken by users of these documents, including reliance on their contents. If you want to obtain the services of an attorney but do not know whom to contact, please call the Pennsylvania Lawyer Referral Service at:

1-800-692-7375

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF HUNTINGDON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION

_____	:	
Plaintiff	:	No.
vs.	:	
	:	
_____	:	CIVIL ACTION – CUSTODY
Defendant	:	

**ENTRY OF APPEARANCE OF SELF-REPRESENTED PARTY
PURSUANT TO Pa.R.C.P. 1930.8**

To the Prothonotary:

Please enter my appearance as a self-represented party.

1. I am the Plaintiff, Defendant, or Other in the above captioned action. (select one)
2. This is a custody, divorce, support, protection from abuse, or paternity case. (select one)
3. Select from one of the following three options, a, b, or c:
 - a. I do not currently have an attorney representing me, I have decided not to hire an attorney to represent me, and I am representing myself in this case.
 - b. _____ is my attorney of record and I want to terminate the services of my attorney and proceed as a self-represented party. I will provide notice to my attorney.
 - c. I am entering my appearance as a self-represented party (sign) _____, and my attorney acknowledges his/her withdrawal as my attorney of record in this case. (Attorney signature)_____
4. NOTE: You must provide the Court with an address where you agree that pleadings and other legal papers may be served, and a telephone number through which you may be contacted. The address and phone number that you provide need not be your home address and phone number. If this is a protection from abuse (PFA) case or other case where the confidentiality of your home address and phone number is essential, please use an alternate address and phone number where you may be served by mail and contacted by telephone.

Papers may be served at the address set forth below:

Name of Party	Home Phone Number – include area code
Street Address	Cell Phone Number – include area code
City State Zip Code	Fax Number (optional) – include area code

5. I understand that I must file this form in the Prothonotary's Office and that I must file a new form every time my address or telephone number changes. Please see Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 1930.8 for more information.

DATE

SIGNATURE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF HUNTINGDON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION

_____,
Plaintiff, :
vs. : No.
 :
 :
_____, :
Defendant : CIVIL ACTION – CUSTODY
 :

ORDER OF COURT FOR PETITION FOR MODIFICATION

You, _____, Respondent, have been sued in Court in order to
Name

obtain a modification of an existing Court Order dated _____, regarding
Previous Court Order date
custody of the minor child(ren):

_____ Name	_____ Address
_____ Name	_____ Address
_____ Name	_____ Address

You are ordered to appear in person to Courtroom No. _____ at the
Huntingdon County Courthouse, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, on the _____ day
of _____, 20__ at _____ o'clock __.m. for:

- a conciliation or mediation conference.
- a pretrial conference.
- a hearing before the Court.
- the presence of the child(ren) is not required.
- the presence of the child(ren) is required.

If you fail to appear as provided by this order or to bring the child(ren), if so ordered, an order for custody may be entered against you or the Court may issue a warrant for your arrest.

You must file with the court a verification regarding any criminal record or abuse history regarding you and anyone living in your household on or before the initial in-person contact with the court (including, but not limited to, a conference with a conference officer or judge or conciliation) but not later than 30 days after service of the complaint or petition.

No party may make a change in the residence of any child which significantly impairs the ability of the other party to exercise custodial rights without first complying with all of the applicable provisions of 23 Pa.C.S. § 5337 and Pa.R.C.P. 1915.17 regarding relocation.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW, THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

**COURT ADMINISTRATOR
Huntingdon County Courthouse
Huntingdon, Pennsylvania
17325 (717) 337-9846**

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

The Court of Common Pleas of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania is required by law to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For information about accessible facilities and reasonable accommodations available to disabled individuals having business before the Court, please contact our office. All arrangements must be made at least 72 hours prior to any hearing before the Court. You must attend the scheduled conference or hearing.

BY THE COURT,

Dated: _____

J.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF HUNTINGDON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL DIVISION

_____,
Plaintiff, :
vs. : No.
 :
 :
_____, :
Defendant : CIVIL ACTION – CUSTODY
 :

PETITION TO MODIFY CUSTODY

I, _____, representing myself, state that:

1. I, _____, Petitioner, currently reside at
Print your name

Address, including City, State, Zip and County.

2. I am the mother, father, or _____ of:
State the Relationship (for example, grandparent)

Name of child Child's Date of Birth

Name of child Child's Date of Birth

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3. _____ is the mother, father,
Respondent

or _____ of the child(ren), and resides at
State the Relationship (for example, grandparent)

Address, including City, State, Zip and County

4. An Order of Court was entered on _____, in the Court of Common Pleas of
Date of Order

_____ County, in the State of _____, granting me
Name of County Name of State

legal custody, physical custody, or other, of the child(ren). A true and correct copy of the Order of Court is attached.

5. Since the Order, circumstances have changed and the Order is no longer in the best interest of the child(ren) because:

6. Request for Emergency Order

If you believe the circumstances in your case require the Court's emergency attention, please check "Yes" in the box below. If not, please check "No":

Emergency Order Requested? Yes No

Describe this situation in detail:

7. Emergency Contact Information:

Plaintiff: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Defendant number 1: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Defendant number 2: _____

Telephone Number: _____

8. I have attached the Criminal Record / Abuse History Verification form required pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 1915.3-2.

FOR THESE REASONS, I request the Court to change custody as follows:

VERIFICATION

I verify that the statements made in the foregoing document are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of perjury of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date

Petitioner