

**441—99.86 (252H) Challenges to the proposed modification action.** For modification actions based on subrules 99.83(1) through 99.83(5), each parent shall have the right to request a conference to contest the proposed modification. Either parent, or the unit, may also request a court hearing. For requests made based on subrule 99.83(6), either parent may contest the cost-of-living alteration by making a request for a review and adjustment of the support order.

**99.86(1) Conference.** Either parent may contest the proposed modification based on subrules 99.83(1) through 99.83(5) by means of a conference with the office of the unit that issued the notice of intent to modify.

- a. Only one conference shall be held per parent.
- b. The request must be made within ten days of the date of service of the notice of intent to modify.
- c. The office that issued the notice of intent to modify shall schedule a conference with the parent and advise the parent of the date, time, place, and procedural aspects of the conference.
- d. Reasons for contesting the modification include, but are not limited to, mistake of fact regarding the identity of one of the parties or the amount or terms of the modification.
- e. The child support recovery unit may conduct the conference in person or by telephone.
- f. If the party who requested the conference fails to attend the conference, only one alternative time shall be scheduled by the child support recovery unit.
- g. The results of a conference shall in no way affect the right of either party to request a court hearing pursuant to subrule 99.86(2).
- h. Upon completion of the conference, the unit shall issue a notice of decision to modify as described in subrule 99.84(2).

**99.86(2) Court hearing.**

- a. Either parent, or the unit, may contest the proposed modification, based on subrules 99.83(1) through 99.83(5), by requesting a court hearing within the latest of any of the following time periods:
  - (1) Twenty days from the date of successful service of the notice of intent to modify,
  - (2) Ten days from the date scheduled for a conference, or
  - (3) Ten days from the date of issuance of a notice of decision to modify.

b. If the unit receives a timely written request, the unit shall certify the matter to the district court as described in Iowa Code section 252H.8.

c. If a timely request is not received, if waiting periods have been waived, or if the notice periods have expired, the unit shall prepare an administrative order as provided in Iowa Code section 252H.9.

**99.86(3) Contesting a proposed cost-of-living alteration.** Either parent may contest a cost-of-living alteration within 30 days of the date of the notice of intent to modify by making a request for a review of the support order as provided in Iowa Code section 252H.13.

a. If the unit receives a timely written request for review, the unit shall terminate the cost-of-living alteration process and proceed with the review and adjustment process.

b. If a timely request is not made, or the notice waiting period has been waived by both parties, or the notice period has expired, the unit shall prepare an administrative order as provided in Iowa Code section 252H.24.