

## **FAQ – DESIGNATION**

### **1. What is designation?**

Designation is a federal requirement that a non-custodial parent (NCP) specifies that a portion of his/her payment is to satisfy court fees. This can be accomplished by the non-custodial parent signing a form (SCCA 429) stating that a court fee should be taken out of each payment made. Without designation, collections received are presumed to be child support and fees cannot be deducted until monthly current support and arrearage obligations are satisfied.

### **2. When does it go into effect?**

Designation will go into effect upon implementation of the statewide Child Support Enforcement System (CSES).

### **3. Does the NCP have to sign a separate form each time a payment is made?**

No, the NCP only has to sign a designation form one time for each of his/her cases.

### **4. Does the NCP have to sign a separate form for each child support case?**

Yes, the NCP must sign a separate designation form for each of his/her child support cases.

### **5. What happens if the NCP refuses to sign the form?**

Refusal to sign the form will be documented on the current child support system. If all ordered child support and court fees are not paid as ordered a Rule to Show Cause will be issued.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
 vs. )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 Defendant. )

IN THE FAMILY COURT  
 \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

**DESIGNATION FORM  
 FOR COURT COSTS**

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to an Order of this Court, I am ordered to pay support:

- through the Clerk of Court
- directly to the obligee.

I acknowledge that if ordered to pay support through the court, now or in the future, S.C. Code Ann. § 63-3-370 (C), as amended, requires that I pay court collection costs in an amount equal to five (5) percent of any support payment.

If support is paid through the Court or through a centralized wage withholding system, I designate that an amount equal to five (5) percent of my support payments be applied and distributed in payment of court collection costs, not support. I authorize the deduction of the fee from every payment made by me or on my behalf.

I acknowledge that should I not pay the full amount due, that an arrearage will accrue and that the Clerk of Court may take enforcement action against me for failure to pay all amounts ordered by the Court.

If an amendment to the law changes the amount of court collection costs, this designation authorizes deduction of court collection costs in the amount established by law.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (City, State).

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 Signature of Obligor

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 Printed Name of Obligor

Custodial Parent (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_