

In re \_\_\_\_\_  
 Debtor(s)  
 Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If known)

According to the calculations required by this statement:

The applicable commitment period is 3 years.  
 The applicable commitment period is 5 years.  
 Disposable income is determined under § 1325(b)(3).  
 Disposable income is not determined under § 1325(b)(3).  
 (Check the boxes as directed in Lines 17 and 23 of this statement.)

## CHAPTER 13 STATEMENT OF CURRENT MONTHLY INCOME AND CALCULATION OF COMMITMENT PERIOD AND DISPOSABLE INCOME

In addition to Schedules I and J, this statement must be completed by every individual Chapter 13 debtor, whether or not filing jointly. Joint debtors may complete one statement only.

Part I. REPORT OF INCOME						
1	<b>Marital/filing status.</b> Check the box that applies and complete the balance of this part of this statement as directed. a. <input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried. <b>Complete only Column A ("Debtor's Income") for Lines 2-10.</b> b. <input type="checkbox"/> Married. <b>Complete both Column A ("Debtor's Income") and Column B ("Spouse's Income") for Lines 2-10.</b>					
	All figures must reflect average monthly income received from all sources, derived during the six calendar months prior to filing the bankruptcy case, ending on the last day of the month before the filing. If the amount of monthly income varied during the six months, you must divide the six-month total by six, and enter the result on the appropriate line.			<b>Column A Debtor's Income</b>	<b>Column B Spouse's Income</b>	
2	<b>Gross wages, salary, tips, bonuses, overtime, commissions.</b>			\$	\$	
3	<b>Income from the operation of a business, profession, or farm.</b> Subtract Line b from Line a and enter the difference in the appropriate column(s) of Line 3. Do not enter a number less than zero. <b>Do not include any part of the business expenses entered on Line b as a deduction in Part IV.</b>					
	a.	Gross receipts	\$			
	b.	Ordinary and necessary business expenses	\$			
	c.	Business income	Subtract Line b from Line a	\$	\$	
4	<b>Rent and other real property income.</b> Subtract Line b from Line a and enter the difference in the appropriate column(s) of Line 4. Do not enter a number less than zero. <b>Do not include any part of the operating expenses entered on Line b as a deduction in Part IV.</b>					
	a.	Gross receipts	\$			
	b.	Ordinary and necessary operating expenses	\$			
	c.	Rent and other real property income	Subtract Line b from Line a	\$	\$	
5	<b>Interest, dividends, and royalties.</b>			\$	\$	
6	<b>Pension and retirement income.</b>			\$	\$	
7	<b>Any amounts paid by another person or entity, on a regular basis, for the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents, including child or spousal support.</b> Do not include amounts paid by the debtor's spouse.			\$	\$	
8	<b>Unemployment compensation.</b> Enter the amount in the appropriate column(s) of Line 8. However, if you contend that unemployment compensation received by you or your spouse was a benefit under the Social Security Act, do not list the amount of such compensation in Column A or B, but instead state the amount in the space below:					
	Unemployment compensation claimed to be a benefit under the Social Security Act		Debtor \$ _____	Spouse \$ _____	\$	\$
9	<b>Income from all other sources.</b> Specify source and amount. If necessary, list additional sources on a separate page. Total and enter on Line 9. <b>Do not include</b> any benefits received under the Social Security Act or payments received as a victim of a war crime, crime against humanity, or as a victim of international or domestic terrorism.					
	a.		\$			
	b.		\$	\$	\$	
10	<b>Subtotal.</b> Add Lines 2 thru 9 in Column A, and, if Column B is completed, add Lines 2 through 9 in Column B. Enter the total(s).			\$	\$	
11	<b>Total.</b> If Column B has been completed, add Line 10, Column A to Line 10, Column B, and enter the total. If Column B has not been completed, enter the amount from Line 10, Column A.			\$	\$	

Part II. CALCULATION OF § 1325(b)(4) COMMITMENT PERIOD		
12	Enter the amount from Line 11.	
13	<b>Marital adjustment.</b> If you are married, but are not filing jointly with your spouse, AND if you contend that calculation of the commitment period under § 1325(b)(4) does not require inclusion of the income of your spouse, enter the amount of the income listed in Line 10, Column B that was NOT paid on a regular basis for the household expenses of you or your dependents. Otherwise, enter zero.	
14	Subtract Line 13 from Line 12 and enter the result.	
15	<b>Annualized current monthly income for § 1325(b)(4).</b> Multiply the amount from Line 14 by the number 12 and enter the result.	\$
16	<b>Applicable median family income.</b> Enter the median family income for applicable state and household size. (This information is available by family size at <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/">www.usdoj.gov/ust/</a> or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.) a. Enter debtor's state of residence: _____ b. Enter debtor's household size: _____	\$
17	<b>Application of § 1325(b)(4).</b> Check the applicable box and proceed as directed. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The amount on Line 15 is less than the amount on Line 16.</b> Check the box for "The applicable commitment period is 3 years" at the top of page 1 of this statement and continue with this statement. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The amount on Line 15 is not less than the amount on Line 16.</b> Check the box for "The applicable commitment period is 5 years" at the top of page 1 of this statement and continue with this statement.	

Part III. APPLICATION OF § 1325(b)(3) FOR DETERMINING DISPOSABLE INCOME		
18	Enter the amount from Line 11.	\$
19	<b>Marital adjustment.</b> If you are married, but are not filing jointly with your spouse, enter the amount of the income listed in Line 10, Column B that was NOT paid on a regular basis for the household expenses of you or your dependents. If you are unmarried or married and filing jointly with your spouse, enter zero.	\$
20	<b>Current monthly income for § 1325(b)(3).</b> Subtract Line 19 from Line 18 and enter the result.	
21	<b>Annualized current monthly income for § 1325(b)(3).</b> Multiply the amount from Line 20 by the number 12 and enter the result.	\$
22	<b>Applicable median family income.</b> Enter the amount from Line 16.	\$
23	<b>Application of § 1325(b)(3).</b> Check the applicable box and proceed as directed. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The amount on Line 21 is more than the amount on Line 22.</b> Check the box for "Disposable income is determined under § 1325(b)(3)" at the top of page 1 of this statement and complete the remaining parts of this statement. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The amount on Line 21 is not more than the amount on Line 22.</b> Check the box for "Disposable income is not determined under § 1325(b)(3)" at the top of page 1 of this statement and complete Part VII of this statement. <b>Do not complete Parts IV, V, or VI.</b>	

Part IV. CALCULATION OF DEDUCTIONS ALLOWED UNDER § 707(b)(2)		
Subpart A: Deductions under Standards of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)		
24	<b>National Standards: food, clothing, household supplies, personal care, and miscellaneous.</b> Enter the "Total" amount from IRS National Standards for Allowable Living Expenses for the applicable family size and income level. (This information is available at <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/">www.usdoj.gov/ust/</a> or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)	\$
25A	<b>Local Standards: housing and utilities; non-mortgage expenses.</b> Enter the amount of the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; non-mortgage expenses for the applicable county and family size. (This information is available at <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/">www.usdoj.gov/ust/</a> or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court).	\$

25B	<p><b>Local Standards: housing and utilities; mortgage/rent expense.</b> Enter, in Line a below, the amount of the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rent expense for your county and family size (this information is available at <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/">www.usdoj.gov/ust/</a> or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter on Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by your home, as stated in Line 47; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 25B. <b>Do not enter an amount less than zero.</b></p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:5%; text-align:center;">a.</td> <td style="width:60%;">IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rent expense</td> <td style="width:35%; text-align:right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 47</td> <td style="text-align:right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">c.</td> <td>Net mortgage/rental expense</td> <td style="text-align:right;">Subtract Line b from Line a.</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Housing and Utilities Standards; mortgage/rent expense	\$	b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 47	\$	c.	Net mortgage/rental expense	Subtract Line b from Line a.	\$
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b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by your home, if any, as stated in Line 47	\$									
c.	Net mortgage/rental expense	Subtract Line b from Line a.									
26	<p><b>Local Standards: housing and utilities; adjustment.</b> if you contend that the process set out in Lines 25A and 25B does not accurately compute the allowance to which you are entitled under the IRS Housing and Utilities Standards, enter any additional amount to which you contend you are entitled, and state the basis for your contention in the space below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	\$									
27	<p><b>Local Standards: transportation; vehicle operation/public transportation expense.</b> You are entitled to an expense allowance in this category regardless of whether you pay the expenses of operating a vehicle and regardless of whether you use public transportation.</p> <p>Check the number of vehicles for which you pay the operating expenses or for which the operating expenses are included as a contribution to your household expenses in Line 7. <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more.</p> <p>Enter the amount from IRS Transportation Standards, Operating Costs &amp; Public Transportation Costs for the applicable number of vehicles in the applicable Metropolitan Statistical Area or Census Region. (This information is available at <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/">www.usdoj.gov/ust/</a> or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)</p>	\$									
28	<p><b>Local Standards: transportation ownership/lease expense; Vehicle 1.</b> Check the number of vehicles for which you claim an ownership/lease expense. (You may not claim an ownership/lease expense for more than two vehicles.) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more.</p> <p>Enter, in Line a below, the amount of the IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, First Car (available at <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/">www.usdoj.gov/ust/</a> or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter in Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 47; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 28. <b>Do not enter an amount less than zero.</b></p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:5%; text-align:center;">a.</td> <td style="width:60%;">IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, First Car</td> <td style="width:35%; text-align:right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 47</td> <td style="text-align:right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">c.</td> <td>Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1</td> <td style="text-align:right;">Subtract Line b from Line a.</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, First Car	\$	b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 47	\$	c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1	Subtract Line b from Line a.	\$
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b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 1, as stated in Line 47	\$									
c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 1	Subtract Line b from Line a.									
29	<p><b>Local Standards: transportation ownership/lease expense; Vehicle 2.</b> Complete this Line only if you checked the "2 or more" Box in Line 28.</p> <p>Enter, in Line a below, the amount of the IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car (available at <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/">www.usdoj.gov/ust/</a> or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court); enter in Line b the total of the Average Monthly Payments for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 47; subtract Line b from Line a and enter the result in Line 29. <b>Do not enter an amount less than zero.</b></p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:5%; text-align:center;">a.</td> <td style="width:60%;">IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car</td> <td style="width:35%; text-align:right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">b.</td> <td>Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 47</td> <td style="text-align:right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center;">c.</td> <td>Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2</td> <td style="text-align:right;">Subtract Line b from Line a.</td> </tr> </table>	a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car	\$	b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 47	\$	c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2	Subtract Line b from Line a.	\$
a.	IRS Transportation Standards, Ownership Costs, Second Car	\$									
b.	Average Monthly Payment for any debts secured by Vehicle 2, as stated in Line 47	\$									
c.	Net ownership/lease expense for Vehicle 2	Subtract Line b from Line a.									
30	<p><b>Other Necessary Expenses: taxes.</b> Enter the total average monthly expense that you actually incur for all federal, state, and local taxes, other than real estate and sales taxes, such as income taxes, self employment taxes, social security taxes, and Medicare taxes. <b>Do not include real estate or sales taxes.</b></p>	\$									
31	<p><b>Other Necessary Expenses: mandatory payroll deductions.</b> Enter the total average monthly payroll deductions that are required for your employment, such as mandatory retirement contributions, union dues, and uniform costs. <b>Do not include discretionary amounts, such as non-mandatory 401(k) contributions.</b></p>	\$									

32	<b>Other Necessary Expenses: life insurance.</b> Enter average monthly premiums that you actually pay for term life insurance for yourself. <b>Do not include premiums for insurance on your dependents, for whole life or for any other form of insurance.</b>	\$
33	<b>Other Necessary Expenses: court-ordered payments.</b> Enter the total monthly amount that you are required to pay pursuant to court order, such as spousal or child support payments. <b>Do not include payments on past due support obligations included in Line 49.</b>	\$
34	<b>Other Necessary Expenses: education for employment or for a physically or mentally challenged child.</b> Enter the total monthly amount that you actually expend for education that is a condition of employment and for education that is required for a physically or mentally challenged dependent child for whom no public education providing similar services is available.	
35	<b>Other Necessary Expenses: childcare.</b> Enter the average monthly amount that you actually expend on childcare—such as baby-sitting, day care, nursery and preschool. <b>Do not include other educational payments.</b>	\$
36	<b>Other Necessary Expenses: health care.</b> Enter the average monthly amount that you actually expend on health care expenses that are not reimbursed by insurance or paid by a health savings account. <b>Do not include payments for health insurance or health savings accounts listed in Line 39.</b>	\$
37	<b>Other Necessary Expenses: telecommunication services.</b> Enter the average monthly amount that you actually pay for telecommunication services other than your basic home telephone service—such as cell phones, pagers, call waiting, caller id, special long distance, or internet service—to the extent necessary for your health and welfare or that of your dependents. <b>Do not include any amount previously deducted.</b>	\$
38	<b>Total Expenses Allowed under IRS Standards.</b> Enter the total of Lines 24 through 37.	\$

**Subpart B: Additional Expense Deductions under § 707(b)**  
**Note: Do not include any expenses that you have listed in Lines 24-37**

39	<b>Health Insurance, Disability Insurance, and Health Savings Account Expenses.</b> List and total the average monthly amounts that you actually pay for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents in the following categories.		\$	
	a.	Health Insurance		\$
	b.	Disability Insurance		\$
	c.	Health Savings Account		\$
		Total: Add Lines a, b, and c		
40	<b>Continued contributions to the care of household or family members.</b> Enter the actual monthly expenses that you will continue to pay for the reasonable and necessary care and support of an elderly, chronically ill, or disabled member of your household or member of your immediate family who is unable to pay for such expenses. <b>Do not include payments listed in Line 34.</b>	\$		
41	<b>Protection against family violence.</b> Enter any average monthly expenses that you actually incurred to maintain the safety of your family under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act or other applicable federal law. The nature of these expenses is required to be kept confidential by the court.	\$		
42	<b>Home energy costs.</b> Enter the average monthly amount, in excess of the allowance specified by IRS Local Standards for Housing and Utilities, that you actually expend for home energy costs. <b>You must provide your case trustee with documentation demonstrating that the additional amount claimed is reasonable and necessary.</b>	\$		
43	<b>Education expenses for dependent children under 18.</b> Enter the average monthly expenses that you actually incur, not to exceed \$125 per child, in providing elementary and secondary education for your dependent children less than 18 years of age. <b>You must provide your case trustee with documentation demonstrating that the amount claimed is reasonable and necessary and not already accounted for in the IRS Standards.</b>	\$		
44	<b>Additional food and clothing expense.</b> Enter the average monthly amount by which your food and clothing expenses exceed the combined allowances for food and apparel in the IRS National Standards, not to exceed five percent of those combined allowances. (This information is available at <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/">www.usdoj.gov/ust/</a> or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.) <b>You must provide your case trustee with documentation demonstrating that the additional amount claimed is reasonable and necessary.</b>	\$		
45	<b>Continued charitable contributions.</b> Enter the amount that you will continue to contribute in the form of cash or financial instruments to a charitable organization as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 170(c)(1)-(2).	\$		
46	<b>Total Additional Expense Deductions under § 707(b).</b> Enter the total of Lines 39 through 45.	\$		

<b>Subpart C: Deductions for Debt Payment</b>			
47	<b>Future payments on secured claims.</b> For each of your debts that is secured by an interest in property that you own, list the name of the creditor, identify the property securing the debt, and state the Average Monthly Payment. The Average Monthly Payment is the total of all amounts contractually due to each Secured Creditor in the 60 months following the filing of the bankruptcy case, divided by 60. Mortgage debts should include payments of taxes and insurance required by the mortgage. If necessary, list additional entries on a separate page.		
	Name of Creditor	Property Securing the Debt	60-month Average Payment
	a.		\$
	b.		\$
	c.		\$
			Total: Add Lines a, b, and c
			\$
48	<b>Other payments on secured claims.</b> If any of debts listed in Line 47 are secured by your primary residence, a motor vehicle, or other property necessary for your support or the support of your dependents, you may include in your deduction 1/60th of any amount (the "cure amount") that you must pay the creditor in addition to the payments listed in Line 47, in order to maintain possession of the property. The cure amount would include any sums in default that must be paid in order to avoid repossession or foreclosure. List and total any such amounts in the following chart. If necessary, list additional entries on a separate page.		
	Name of Creditor	Property Securing the Debt	1/60th of the Cure Amount
	a.		\$
	b.		\$
	c.		\$
			Total: Add Lines a, b, and c
			\$
49	<b>Payments on priority claims.</b> Enter the total amount of all priority claims (including priority child support and alimony claims), divided by 60.		\$
50	<b>Chapter 13 administrative expenses.</b> Multiply the amount in Line a by the amount in Line b, and enter the resulting administrative expense.		
	a.	Projected average monthly Chapter 13 plan payment.	\$
	b.	Current multiplier for your district as determined under schedules issued by the Executive Office for United States Trustees. (This information is available at <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/">www.usdoj.gov/ust/</a> or from the clerk of the bankruptcy court.)	x
	c.	Average monthly administrative expense of Chapter 13 case	Total: Multiply Lines a and b
			\$
51	<b>Total Deductions for Debt Payment.</b> Enter the total of Lines 47 through 50.		\$
<b>Subpart D: Total Deductions Allowed under § 707(b)(2)</b>			
52	<b>Total of all deductions allowed under § 707(b)(2).</b> Enter the total of Lines 38, 46, and 51.		\$

<b>Part V. DETERMINATION OF DISPOSABLE INCOME UNDER § 1325(b)(2)</b>		
53	<b>Total current monthly income.</b> Enter the amount from Line 20.	\$
54	<b>Support income.</b> Enter the monthly average of any child support payments, foster care payments, or disability payments for a dependent child, included in Line 7, that you received in accordance with applicable nonbankruptcy law, to the extent reasonably necessary to be expended for such child.	\$
55	<b>Qualified retirement deductions.</b> Enter the monthly average of (a) all contributions or wage deductions made to qualified retirement plans, as specified in § 541(b)(7) and (b) all repayments of loans from retirement plans, as specified in § 362(b)(19).	\$
56	<b>Total of all deductions allowed under § 707(b)(2).</b> Enter the amount from Line 52.	\$
57	<b>Total adjustments to determine disposable income.</b> Add the amounts on Lines 54, 55, and 56 and enter the result.	\$

58	<b>Monthly Disposable Income Under § 1325(b)(2).</b> Subtract Line 57 from Line 53 and enter the result.	\$ <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 60px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>
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**Part VI: ADDITIONAL EXPENSE CLAIMS**

59	<p><b>Other Expenses.</b> List and describe any monthly expenses, not otherwise stated in this form, that are required for the health and welfare of you and your family and that you contend should be an additional deduction from your current monthly income under § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I). If necessary, list additional sources on a separate page. All figures should reflect your average monthly expense for each item. Total the expenses.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 5%;"></th> <th style="width: 80%;">Expense Description</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Monthly Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">a.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">b.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">c.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">Total: Add Lines a, b, and c</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Expense Description	Monthly Amount	a.		\$	b.		\$	c.		\$	Total: Add Lines a, b, and c		\$
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a.		\$														
b.		\$														
c.		\$														
Total: Add Lines a, b, and c		\$														

**Part VII: VERIFICATION**

60	<p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this statement is true and correct. <i>(If this is a joint case, both debtors must sign.)</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Date: _____</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Signature: _____ (Debtor)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date: _____</td> <td>Signature: _____ (Joint Debtor, if any)</td> </tr> </table>	Date: _____	Signature: _____ (Debtor)	Date: _____	Signature: _____ (Joint Debtor, if any)
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## COMMITTEE NOTE

### A. Overview

Among the changes introduced by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 are interlocking provisions defining "current monthly income" and establishing a means test to determine whether relief under Chapter 7 should be presumed abusive. Current monthly income ("CMI") is defined in § 101(10A) of the Code, and the means test is set out in § 707(b)(2). These provisions have a variety of applications. In Chapter 7, if the debtor's CMI exceeds a defined level the debtor is subject to the means test, and § 707(b)(2)(C) specifically requires debtors to file a statement of CMI and calculations to determine the applicability of the means-test presumption. In Chapters 11 and 13, CMI provides the starting point for determining the disposable income that must be contributed to payment of unsecured creditors. Moreover, Chapter 13 debtors with CMI above defined levels are required by § 1325(b)(3) to complete the means test in order to determine the amount of their monthly disposable income; and, pursuant to § 1325(b)(4), the level of CMI determines the "applicable commitment period" over which projected disposable income must be paid to unsecured creditors.

To provide for the reporting and calculation of CMI and for the completion of the means test where required, three separate official forms have been created—one for Chapter 7, one for Chapter 11, and one for Chapter 13. This note first describes the calculation of CMI that is common to all three of the forms, next describes the means test as set out in the Chapter 7 and 13 forms, and finally addresses particular issues that are unique to each of the forms.

### B. Calculation of CMI

Although Chapters 7, 11, and 13 use CMI for different purposes, the basic computation is the same in each. As defined in § 101(10A), CMI is the monthly average of certain income that the debtor (and in a joint case, the debtor's spouse) received in the six calendar months before the bankruptcy filing. The definition includes in this average (1) income from all sources, whether or not taxable, and (2) any amount paid by an entity other than the debtor (or the debtor's spouse in a joint case) on a regular basis for the household expenses of the debtor, the debtor's dependents, and (in a joint case) the debtor's spouse if not otherwise a dependent. At the same time, the definition excludes from the averaged income "benefits received under the Social Security Act" and certain payments to victims of terrorism, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.

Each form provides for reporting income items constituting CMI. The items are reported in a set of entry lines—Part II of the Chapter 7 form and Part I of the forms for Chapter 11 and Chapter 13—that include separate columns for reporting income of the debtor and of the debtor's spouse. The first of these entry lines includes a set of instructions and check boxes indicating when the "debtor's spouse" column must be completed. The instructions also direct the required averaging of reported income.

The subsequent entry lines specify several common types of income and are followed by a "catch-all" line for other income. The specific entry lines address: (a) gross wages; (b) business income; (c) rental income; (d) interest, dividends, and royalties; (e) pension and retirement income; (f) regular contributions to the debtor's household expenses; and (g) unemployment compensation. Gross wages (before taxes) are required to be entered. Consistent with usage in the Internal Revenue Manual and the American Community Survey of the Census Bureau, business and rental income is defined as gross receipts less ordinary and necessary expenses. Unemployment compensation is given special treatment. Because the federal government provides funding for state unemployment compensation under the Social Security Act, there may be a dispute about whether unemployment compensation is a "benefit received under the Social Security Act." The forms take no position on the merits of this argument, but give debtors the option of reporting unemployment compensation separately from the CMI calculation. This separate reporting allows parties in interest to determine the materiality of an exclusion of unemployment compensation and to challenge it. The forms provide for totaling the income lines.

C. The means test: deductions from current monthly income (CMI)

The means test operates by deducting from CMI defined allowances for living expenses and payment of secured and priority debt, leaving disposable income presumptively available to pay unsecured non-priority debt. These deductions from CMI under are set out in the Code at § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)-(iv). The forms for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 have identical sections (Parts V and III, respectively) for calculating these deductions. The calculations are divided into subparts reflecting three different kinds of allowed deductions.

1. Deductions under IRS standards

Subpart A deals with deductions from CMI, set out in § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii), for "the debtor's applicable monthly expense amounts specified under the National Standards and Local Standards, and the debtor's actual monthly expenses



for the categories specified as Other Necessary Expenses issued by the Internal Revenue Service for the area in which the debtor resides." The forms provide entry lines for each of the specified expense deductions under the IRS standards, and instructions on the entry lines identify the website of the U.S. Trustee Program, where the relevant IRS allowances can be found. As with all of the deductions in § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii), deductions under the IRS standards are subject to the proviso that they not include "any payments for debts."

The IRS National Standards provide a single allowance for food, clothing, household supplies, personal care, and miscellany, depending on income and household size. The forms contain an entry line for the applicable allowance.

The IRS Local Standards provide one set of deductions for housing and utilities and another set for transportation expenses, with different amounts for different areas of the country, depending on the size of the debtor's family and the number of the debtor's vehicles. Each amount specified in the Local Standards is treated by the IRS as a cap on actual expenses, but because § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii) provides for deductions in the "amounts specified under the . . . Local Standards," the forms treat these amounts as allowed deductions. The forms again direct debtors to the website of the U.S. Trustee Program to obtain the appropriate allowances.

The Local Standards for housing and utilities, as published by the IRS for its internal purposes, present single amounts covering all housing expenses; however, for bankruptcy purposes, the IRS has separated these amounts into a non-mortgage component and a mortgage/rent component. The non-mortgage component covers a variety of expenses involved in maintaining a residence, such as utilities, repairs and maintenance. The mortgage/rent component covers the cost of acquiring the residence. For homeowners with mortgages, the mortgage/rent component involves debt payment, since the cost of a mortgage is part of the allowance. Accordingly, the forms require debtors to deduct from the mortgage/rent component their average monthly mortgage payment (including required payments for taxes and insurance), up to the full amount of the IRS mortgage/rent component, and instruct debtors that this average monthly payment is the one reported on the separate line of the forms for deductions of secured debt under § 707(b)(2)(a)(iii). The forms allow debtors to challenge the appropriateness of this method of computing the Local Standards allowance for housing and utilities and to claim any additional housing allowance to which they contend they are entitled, but the forms require specification of the basis for such a contention.

The IRS issues Local Standards for transportation in two components for its internal purposes as well as for bankruptcy: one component covers vehicle operation/public transportation expense and the other ownership/lease expense. The amount of the vehicle operation/public transportation allowance depends on the number of vehicles the debtor operates, with debtors who do not operate vehicles being given a public transportation allowance. The instruction for this line item makes it clear that every debtor is thus entitled to some transportation expense allowance. No debt payment is involved in this allowance. The ownership/lease component, on the other hand, may involve debt payment. Accordingly, the forms require debtors to reduce the allowance for ownership/lease expense by the average monthly loan payment amount (principal and interest), up to the full amount of the IRS ownership/lease expense amount. This average payment is as reported on the separate line of the forms for deductions of secured debt under § 707(b)(2)(a)(iii).

The IRS does not set out specific dollar allowances for "Other Necessary Expenses." Rather, it specifies a number of categories for such expenses, and describes the nature of the expenses that may be deducted in each of these categories. Section 707(b)(2)(a)(ii) allows a deduction for the debtor's actual expenses in these specified categories, subject to its requirement that payment of debt not be included. Several of the IRS categories deal with debt repayment and so are not included in the forms. Several other categories deal with expense items that are more expansively addressed by specific statutory allowances. Subpart A sets out the remaining categories of "Other Necessary Expenses" in individual entry lines. Instructions in these entry lines reflect limitations imposed by the IRS and the need to avoid inclusion of items deducted elsewhere on the forms.

Subpart A concludes with a subtotal of the deductions allowed under the IRS standards.

## 2. Additional statutory expense deductions

In addition to the expense deductions allowed under the IRS standards, the means test makes provision—in subclauses (I), (II), (IV), and (V) of § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)—for six special expense deductions. Each of these additional expense items is set out on a separate entry line in Subpart B, introduced by an instruction that there should not be double counting of any expense already included in the IRS deductions. Contributions to tax-exempt charities provide another statutory expense deduction. Section 1325(b)(2)(A)(ii) expressly allows a deduction from CMI for such contributions (up to 15% of the debtor's gross income), and § 707(b)(1) provides that in considering whether a Chapter 7 filing is an abuse, the court may not take into consideration "whether a debtor . . .

continues to make [tax-exempt] charitable contributions." Accordingly, Subpart B also includes an entry line for charitable contributions. The subpart concludes with a subtotal of the additional statutory expense deductions.

3. Deductions for payment of debt

Subpart C deals with the means test's deductions from CMI for payment of secured and priority debt, as well as a deduction for administrative fees that would be incurred if the debtor paid debts through a Chapter 13 plan. In accord with § 707(b)(2)(A)(iii), the deduction for secured debt is divided into two entry lines—one for payments that are contractually due during the 60 months following the bankruptcy filing, the other for amounts needed to retain necessary collateral securing debts in default. In each situation, the instructions for the entry lines require dividing the total payment amount by 60, as the statute directs. Priority debt, deductible pursuant to § 707(b)(2)(A)(iv), is treated on a single entry line, also requiring division by 60. The defined deduction for the expenses of administering a Chapter 13 plan is allowed by § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)(III) only for debtors eligible for Chapter 13. The forms treat this deduction in an entry line requiring the eligible debtor to state the amount of the prospective Chapter 13 plan payment and multiply that payment amount by the percentage fee established for the debtor's district by the Executive Office for United States Trustees. The forms refer debtors to the website of the U.S. Trustee Program to obtain this percentage fee. The subpart concludes with a subtotal of debt payment deductions.

4. Total deductions

Finally, the forms direct that the subtotals from Subparts A, B, and C be added together to arrive at the total of allowed deductions from CMI under the means test.

5. Additional claimed deductions

The forms do not provide for means-test deductions from CMI for expenses in categories that are not specifically identified as "Other Necessary Expenses" in the Internal Revenue Manual. However, debtors may wish to claim expenses that do not fall within the categories listed as "Other Necessary Expenses" in the forms. Part VII of the Chapter 7 form and Part VI of the Chapter 13 form provide for such expenses to be identified and totaled. Although expenses listed in these sections are not deducted from CMI for purposes of the means-test calculation, the listing provides a basis for debtors to assert that these expenses should be deducted from CMI under § 707(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I), and that the results of

the forms' calculation, therefore, should be modified.

D. The chapter-specific forms

1. Chapter 7

The Chapter 7 form has several unique aspects. The form includes, in the upper right corner of the first page, a check box directing the debtor to state whether or not the calculations required by the form result in a presumption of abuse. The debtor is not bound by this statement and may argue, in response to a motion brought under § 707(b)(1), that there should be no presumption despite the calculations required by the form. The check box is intended to give clerks of court a conspicuous indication of the cases for which they are required to provide notice of a presumption of abuse pursuant to § 342(d).

Part I implements the provision of § 707(b)(2)(D) that excludes certain disabled veterans from all means-testing, making it unnecessary to compute the CMI of such veterans. Debtors who declare under penalty of perjury that they are disabled veterans within the statutory definition are directed to verify their declaration in Part VII, to check the "no presumption" box at the beginning of the form, and to disregard the remaining parts of the form.

Part II computes CMI. Section 707(b)(7) prohibits a motion to dismiss based on the means test's presumption of abuse if the debtor's annualized CMI does not exceed a defined median state income. For this purpose, the statute directs that CMI of the debtor's spouse be combined with the debtor's CMI even if the debtor's spouse is not a joint debtor, unless the debtor declares under penalty of perjury that the spouses are legally separated or living separately other than for purposes of evading the means test. Accordingly, the calculation of CMI in Part II directs a computation of the CMI of the debtor's spouse not only in joint cases, but also in cases of married debtors who do not make the specified declaration, and the CMI of both spouses in these cases is combined for purposes of determining standing under § 707(b)(7).

Part III compares the debtor's CMI to the applicable state median income for purposes of § 707(b)(7). It then directs debtors whose income does not exceed the applicable median to verify the form, to check the "no presumption" box at the beginning of the form, and not to complete the remaining parts of the form. Debtors whose CMI does exceed the applicable state median are required to complete the remaining parts of the form.

Part IV adjusts the CMI of a married debtor, not filing jointly, whose

spouse's CMI was combined with the debtor's for purposes of determining standing to assert the means-test presumption. The means test itself does not charge a married debtor in a non-joint case with the income of the non-filing spouse, but rather only with contributions made by that spouse to the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents, as provided in the definition of CMI in § 101(10A). Accordingly, Part IV calls for the combined CMI of Part II to be reduced by the amount of the non-filing spouse's income that was not contributed to the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents.

Part V provides for a calculation of the means test's deductions from the debtor's CMI, as described above.

Part VI provides for a determination of whether the debtor's CMI, less the allowed deductions, gives rise to a presumption of abuse under § 707(b)(2)(A). Depending on the outcome of this determination, the debtor is directed to check the appropriate box at the beginning of the form and to sign the verification in Part VIII. Part VII allows the debtor to claim additional deductions, as discussed above.

## 2. Chapter 11

The Chapter 11 form is the simplest of the three, since the means-test deductions of § 707(b)(2) are not employed in determining the extent of an individual Chapter 11 debtor's disposable income. Section 1129(a)(15) requires payments of disposable income "as defined in section 1325(b)(2)," and that paragraph allows calculation of disposable income under judicially-determined standards, rather than pursuant to the means-test deductions, specified for higher income Chapter 13 debtors by § 1325(b)(3). However, § 1325(b)(2) does require that CMI be used as the starting point in the judicial determination of disposable income, and so the Chapter 11 form requires this calculation (in Part I of the form), as described above, together with a verification (in Part II).

## 3. Chapter 13

Like the Chapter 7 form, the form for Chapter 13 debtors contains a number of special provisions. The upper right corner of the first page includes check boxes requiring the debtor to state whether, under the calculations required by the statement, the applicable commitment period under § 1325(b)(4) is three years or five years and whether § 1325(b)(3) requires the means-test deductions to be used in determining the debtor's disposable income. The check box is intended to inform standing trustees and other interested parties about these items, but does not prevent the debtor from arguing that the calculations required by the form do

not accurately reflect the debtor's disposable income.

Part I is a report of income to be used for determining CMI. Section 1325(b)(4) imposes a five-year applicable commitment period—rather than a three-year period—if the debtor's annualized CMI is not less than a defined median state income. For this purpose, as under § 707(b)(4), the statute requires that the CMI of the debtor's spouse to be combined with the debtor's CMI, and no exception exists for spouses who are legally separated or living separately. Accordingly, the report of income in Part I directs a combined reporting of the income of both spouses in all cases of married debtors.

Part II computes the applicable commitment period by annualizing the income calculated in Part I and comparing it to the applicable state median. The form allows debtors to contend that the income of a non-filing spouse should not be treated as CMI and permits debtors to claim a deduction for any income of a non-filing spouse to the extent that this income was not contributed to the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents. The debtor is directed to check the appropriate box at the beginning of the form, stating the applicable commitment period.

Part III compares the debtor's CMI to the applicable state median, allowing a determination of whether the means-test deductions must be used, pursuant to § 1325(b)(3), in calculating disposable income. For this purpose, since § 1325(b)(3) does not provide for including the income of the debtor's spouse, the form directs a deduction of the income of a non-filing spouse that is not contributed to the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor's dependents. Again, the debtor is directed to check the appropriate box at the beginning of the form, indicating whether the means-test deductions are applicable. If so, the debtor is directed to complete the remainder of the form. If not, the debtor is directed to complete the verification in Part VII but not complete the other parts of the form.

Part IV provides for calculation of the means-test deductions provided in § 707(b)(2), described above, as incorporated by § 1325(b)(3) for debtors with CMI above the applicable state median.

Part V provides for three adjustments required by special provisions affecting disposable income in Chapter 13. First, § 1325(b)(2) itself excludes from the CMI used in determining disposable income certain "child support payments, foster care payments, [and] disability payments for a dependent child." Because payments of this kind are included in the definition of CMI in § 101(10A), a line entry for deduction of these payments is provided. Second, a line

entry is provided for deduction of contributions by the debtor to certain retirement plans, listed in § 541(b)(7)(B), since that provision states that such contributions "shall not constitute disposable income, as defined in section 1325(b)." Third, the same line entry also allows a deduction from disposable income for payments on loans from retirement accounts that are excepted from the automatic stay by § 362(b)(19), since § 1322(f) provides that for a "loan described in section 362(b)(19) . . . any amounts required to repay such loan shall not constitute 'disposable income' under section 1325."

The Chapter 13 form does not provide a deduction from disposable income for the Chapter 13 debtor's anticipated attorney fees. No specific statutory allowance for such a deduction exists, and none appears necessary. Section 1325(b)(1)(B) requires that disposable income contributed to a Chapter 13 plan be used to pay "unsecured creditors." A debtor's attorney who has not taken a security interest in the debtor's property is an unsecured creditor who may be paid from disposable income.

Part VI allows the debtor to claim additional deductions, as described above, and Part VII is the verification.