

# Actual UIFSA Scenarios

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## Scenario #1

Mary applies for services in your office, seeking establishment of a child support order for her child. She names two possible fathers, Peter and Paul. Both men reside in New York. Mary was not married to either man, neither man signed a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity form, and no name is listed on the birth certificate. What do you do? What paperwork do you generate, and where do you send it? Would anything change if the two men lived in different states?

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## Scenario #2

John and Jane have a child support order out of New Mexico for \$250/month. Jane moves to your state and applies for services, so payments are redirected; arrears are \$2000. Now John also moves to your state, the parties reconcile, and Jane requests that your office close her case, which you do and so does New Mexico. Two years later the parties separate, and Jane applies for services in your office and asks that the New Mexico order be enforced. What do you do? What about arrears?

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### Scenario #3

Colleen applies for services in Pennsylvania, who sends your office (through your ICR) a request to establish an order against Rob, who resides in your jurisdiction. An order is established, and you enforce and send payments to Pennsylvania. Two years later Pennsylvania informs you that Colleen has left the state so they are closing their case. What are your options? Would you do anything differently if you have no idea where Colleen is?

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### Scenario #4

Your state establishes a child support order for Adam to pay Eve \$200/month for two children, Cain & Abel. Eve and the children move in with her aunt in Ohio and apply for TANF, payments are redirected, and arrears on the case are \$1000. Adam now applies for services in your office and says that he has custody of Cain while Eve's aunt has custody of Abel, and Eve is in Iowa. Adam wants an order established for Eve to pay child support retroactive to when he took legal custody of Cain. What do you do? What about the original order?

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### Scenario #5

There is a Texas order for George to pay Martha child support in the amount of \$300/month for their three children. Martha moves to your state and is receiving TANF. Payments are redirected. Now one of the three children is placed in (IV-E) foster care in your state. Texas continues to send you \$300/month, not really caring how you disburse the money. What are your options? What can you do in your state? What do you have to ask Texas to do? Would anything be different if Martha and the other children were never on TANF?

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**Scenario #6**

Maxine applies for child support services in your office. She has an existing child support order from Florida for Max to pay \$100/month for one child. Payments are redirected. When the child turns 17, Maxine wants an increase, so paperwork is sent to Florida requesting modification. The paperwork bounces back and forth, Florida continually requests additional documents, and they even lose the packet once. Maxine is contacting you constantly, furious that things are taking so long. By the time the case reaches court, the child is 18 and emancipated, so current support stops and no modification is granted. What are your options?

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**Scenario #7**

There is a 2002 Michigan order for Sam to pay Samantha \$400/month in child support for their son Sammy. Sam moves to your state, and the order is registered for enforcement. A few years pass and Illinois says that Samantha & Sammy & Tammi (a new daughter) are there now, and they attempt to register a 2007 Illinois default order for Sam to pay \$500/month for the two children. There are \$4000 in TANF arrears owed to Michigan. What do you do? Which order do you enforce? Where do you send monies collected?

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**Scenario #8**

Jean-Marie has a New Zealand child support order against Jean-Claude. Jean-Claude lives in New Zealand, and Jean-Marie applies for services in your office because no payments have been received. You try to get New Zealand to redirect payments to your office, but New Zealand says they cannot help you. There is no reciprocal agreement between our two countries, nor do they have a reciprocal agreement with your state (although they do have an agreement with California). What are your options? What if Jean-Marie wants an upward mod?

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