

Article 4.

Establishment of Support Order or Determination of Parentage.

**§ 52C-4-401. Establishment of support order.**

(a) If a support order entitled to recognition under this Chapter has not been issued, a responding tribunal of this State with personal jurisdiction over the parties may issue a support order if:

- (1) The individual seeking the order resides outside this State; or
- (2) The support enforcement agency seeking the order is located outside this State.

(b) The tribunal may issue a temporary child support order if the tribunal determines that such an order is appropriate and the individual ordered to pay is any of the following:

- (1) A presumed father of the child.
- (2) Petitioning to have his paternity adjudicated.
- (3) Identified as the father of the child through genetic testing.
- (4) An alleged father who has declined to submit to genetic testing.
- (5) Shown by clear and convincing evidence to be the father of the child.
- (6) An acknowledged father as provided by Chapter 110 of the General Statutes.
- (7) The mother of the child.
- (8) An individual who has been ordered to pay child support in a previous proceeding and the order has not been reversed or vacated.

(c) Upon finding, after notice and opportunity to be heard, that an obligor owes a duty of support, the tribunal shall issue a support order directed to the obligor and may issue other orders pursuant to G.S. 52C-3-305. (1995, c. 538, s. 7(c); 2015-117, s. 1.)