518A.37 WRITTEN FINDINGS.

Subdivision 1. **No deviation.** If the court does not deviate from the presumptive child support obligation computed under section 518A.34, the court must make written findings that state:

(1) each parent's gross income;

(2) each parent's PICS; and

(3) any other significant evidentiary factors affecting the child support determination.

Subd. 2. **Deviation.** If the court deviates from the presumptive child support obligation computed under section 518A.34, the court must make written findings that state:

(1) each parent's gross income;

(2) each parent's PICS;

(3) the amount of the child support obligation computed under section 518A.34;

(4) the reasons for the deviation; and

(5) how the deviation serves the best interests of the child.

Subd. 3. **Written findings required in every case.** The provisions of this section apply whether or not the parties are each represented by independent counsel and have entered into a written agreement. The court must review stipulations presented to it for conformity with section 518A.34. The court is not required to conduct a hearing, but the parties must provide sufficient documentation to verify the child support determination and to justify any deviation.

History: *2005 c 164 s 18,29; 1Sp2005 c 7 s 28; 2006 c 280 s 29*