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## CHANGES TO PARENTING PLAN AGREEMENTS FOR DISSOLUTION AND PATERNITY CASES

**Effective Nov. 1, 2016**, Parenting Plan Agreements filed in dissolution and paternity cases after mediation with Family Court Services (FCS) will provide an option for parties to designate their agreement regarding child custody and visitation as a final agreement to be incorporated into the judgment. When parties agree to make the agreement final, parties waive trial on the issue of custody and visitation. Parties may seek to modify any final order upon the written agreement of the parties and a court order, or upon a court order if either party files a request for orders seeking modification and shows a significant change in circumstances.

The new language regarding the final agreement to be incorporated in the Parenting Plan Agreement will read as follows:

“This agreement regarding child custody and visitation is a final custody and visitation order to be incorporated into the judgment. Because of this agreement, the parties will not have a trial on the issue of custody and visitation. The parties understand and agree that this order may be modified in the future only upon the written agreement of the parties submitted to the court, or if either party files a request for orders seeking modification and shows a significant change in circumstances.

Both parties should initial here if they agree with, have read, and understand this part of the agreement. \_\_\_\_\_”

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