

**NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC
COURT ORDERS —
NONADVERSARIAL DIVORCE**

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Attach to Joint Petition - Nonadversarial Divorce (Dissolution of Marriage) (JD-FM-242)

The following automatic orders shall apply to both petitioners upon filing of the joint petition. An automatic order shall not apply if there is a prior, contradictory order of a judicial authority. The automatic orders shall remain in place until further order of a judicial authority:

- (1) Neither petitioner shall sell, transfer, exchange, assign, remove, or in any way dispose of, without the consent of the other petitioner in writing, or an order of a judicial authority, any property, except in the usual course of business or for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.
- (2) Neither petitioner shall conceal any property.
- (3) Neither petitioner shall encumber without the consent of the other petitioner, in writing, or an order of a judicial authority, any property except in the usual course of business or for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.
- (4) Neither petitioner shall cause any asset, or portion thereof, co-owned or held in joint name, to become held in his or her name solely without the consent of the other petitioner, in writing, or an order of the judicial authority.
- (5) Neither petitioner shall incur unreasonable debts hereafter, including, but not limited to, further encumbering any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit cards.
- (6) Neither petitioner shall cause the other petitioner to be removed from any medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage, and each petitioner shall maintain the existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.
- (7) Neither petitioner shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, and each petitioner shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowners or renters insurance policies in full force and effect.
- (8) If the petitioners are living together on the date of these orders, neither petitioner may deny the other petitioner use of the current primary residence of the petitioners without order of a judicial authority. This provision shall not apply if there is a prior, contradictory order of a judicial authority.
- (9) The petitioners shall each complete and exchange sworn financial statements substantially in accordance with a form prescribed by the chief court administrator and file the financial statements with the joint petition. The petitioner may thereafter enter and submit to the court a stipulated interim order allocating income and expenses.

By Order Of The Court

Failure to obey these orders may be punishable by contempt of court. If you object to or seek modification of these orders during the pendency of the action, you have the right to a hearing before a judge within a reasonable time.

Summary Of Automatic Court Orders

The court orders on this form apply to both petitioners in this case, upon filing of the joint petition, unless there is already a court order which is different than one of these orders. The automatic court orders are summarized below, but you must follow the actual orders on this form. If you do not understand the actual automatic court orders, you may want to talk to an attorney.

Neither petitioner may:

- Sell, exchange, take away, give away or dispose of any property without written agreement with the other petitioner or a court order except in their usual business or for usual expenses for the home or for reasonable attorney's fees for this case;
- Hide any property;
- Mortgage any property except in their usual business or for usual expenses for the house or for reasonable attorney's fees for this case without written agreement or a court order;
- Have any asset or an asset that is owned by both petitioners become owned only by him or her without written agreement or a court order;
- Go into unreasonable debt by borrowing money or using credit cards or cash advances unreasonably;
- Take the other off any existing medical, hospital, doctor or dental insurance policy or let any such insurance coverage end;
- Change the terms or named beneficiaries of any existing insurance policy or let any existing insurance coverage end, including life, automobile, homeowner's or renter's insurance;
- Deny use of the family home to the other person without a court order, if you are living together on the date the joint petition is filed.
- Both petitioners must complete and give to each other sworn financial affidavits and file them with the joint petition

If you do not obey these orders while your case is pending, you may be punished by being held in contempt of court. If you object to these orders or want them changed, you have a right to a hearing before a judge within a reasonable time, by filing a motion to modify these orders with the court clerk.

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