

4A-202. Definitions.

As used in Domestic Relations Forms 4A-201 to 4A-341 NMRA:

- A. "dissolution of marriage" means a "divorce";
- B. "minor child" means a child who is under eighteen (18) years of age and who is the child of both parties to a divorce or paternity proceeding;
- C. "parenting plan and child support obligation" means the order of the court containing the obligations of the parents of minor children relating to:
 - (1) child custody;
 - (2) visitation; and
 - (3) support including support of a child under nineteen (19) years of age who is attending high school.

The parenting plan and child support obligation becomes a court order when it is approved by the judge as part of the final decree;

- D. "party" means a husband or wife in a divorce or paternity proceeding;
- E. "petition for dissolution of marriage" requests a divorce;
- F. "petitioner" means the first party on a petition requesting the court to enter an order for the dissolution of marriage or for an order establishing the paternity of a minor child. This person is referred to as a "petitioner" solely for purposes of identifying the parties in the court system. In an uncontested divorce or paternity proceeding, the parties will need to decide who will be shown as the petitioner;
- G. "respondent" means the person who is identified for court purposes as the respondent.

In an uncontested divorce or paternity proceeding, the parties will need to decide who will be shown as the respondent; and

H. "wage withholding order" is an order that allows child support to be withheld from the wages of one parent.

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