

# MEDICAL INSURANCE FACTS TO REMEMBER

The Lucas County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) is required under federal law to obtain medical insurance coverage for the child(ren) on a child support order. This includes establishment of a medical insurance order and verification of enrollment by the party ordered to provide medical coverage.

**CSEA enforces the original terms of the medical order and DOES NOT honor private agreements between the parties. Medical orders can ONLY be changed as follows:**

## **DIVORCE ORDERS**

Changes can be made ONLY through Domestic Relations Court by the parties to the order.

## **JUVENILE COURT/ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS**

Changes may be made through Juvenile Court or by asking the CSEA for a medical modification. This review may or may not result in changes to child support payments and/or medical insurance.

- Medicaid and Healthy Start are NOT valid substitutions for Court or Administrative Orders for private medical insurance.
- CSEA may arrange to have Summary Plan Descriptions, medical cards, booklets, and pamphlets sent to the employer.
- Shared Liability for medical expenses is not a medical insurance order. Rather it divides medical expenses between the parties, as stated in the order.
- CSEA is unable to assist in the collection of out-of-pocket expenses incurred unless a court action for non-payment of child support is completed at the same time. The Custodial Parent must provide the CSEA with the required information upon making his/her request.
- When expenses are shared, the Obligee may or may not be required to pay the out-of-pocket expenses. If paid, the Obligee must then present the paid expenses via certified mail to the Obligor for reimbursement.