

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF **CUMBERLAND**

File No.

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
Family Court Division

Plaintiff

vs.

Defendant

Evaluation Order

File Date:

Cumberland County Family Court Local Rules

FINDINGS

This matter coming on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned District Court Judge and the Court finding that this is an action for child custody and the Court is in need of an expert in order to make a determination concerning the appropriate custodial and visitation arrangements for the minor children, it is therefore ordered:

PROVIDER (Check one or two)

- 1. That Cumberland County CommuniCare, Inc., is designated as a court appointed expert (provider) to complete the appropriate assessment/evaluations set out below.
- 2. That the parties have elected to employ a private provider to complete the appropriate assessment/evaluations set out below.

ASSESSMENTS/EVALUATIONS TO BE COMPLETED (Check as appropriate)

- 1. The provider is to conduct a **comprehensive mental health evaluation** of the () plaintiff, () defendant, () child(ren) with psychological evaluation, if necessary; and is hereby authorized to contact any persons deemed necessary in order to conduct a comprehensive assessment/evaluation. The assessment/evaluation shall include the conducting of any interviews (in person, by telephone or otherwise) and the administering of any and all psychological testing and any other evaluative procedures that are deemed necessary by Cumberland County CommuniCare, Inc. in order to arrive at a thorough and comprehensive assessment/evaluation. A psychiatric assessment may be ordered as part of this evaluation.
- 2. The provider is to conduct a **parenting assessment** of the parties. This is a comprehensive process conducted by a licensed clinician that identifies a parent's strengths and needs and provides a specific list of recommendations to assist the parent. The provider is hereby authorized to determine whether psychological testing is deemed necessary to arrive at a thorough and comprehensive assessment/evaluation.

PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCESS (Check as appropriate)

- The provider shall conduct a full and complete assessment/evaluation as indicated previously. The plaintiff and defendant shall cooperate fully in submitting themselves and the children to any assessment/evaluations, sessions and testing and shall provide any additional information requested.
- The provider shall have and be provided free and open access to any and all medical, psychological or other information pertaining to the parties and the minor child(ren) from any source, including but not limited to prior physicians, therapists, psychologists, counselors, teachers, and mental health professionals. Any and all individuals who have dealt with the parties and the minor children are hereby authorized and directed to disclose any information requested by the provider, specifically all medical, psychological, counseling, education or other information pertaining to said parties and minor children including investigative agencies, the Department of Social Services, all relevant law enforcement agencies, any State or County mental health department or drug and alcohol counseling/rehabilitation services and to release to Cumberland County CommuniCare, Inc. or clinical staff (or other designated provider) any and all records regarding the parties in this case, including records of the minor children.

ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION REPORTS (Check one or two)

- 1. Upon completion of the assessment/evaluation, the provider shall provide a copy of the report to counsel for each party and to the Court.
- 2. Upon completion of the assessment/evaluation, the provider shall provide a copy of the report to the Court only.

FEES (Check one or two)

- 1. The plaintiff defendant both parties shall initially be responsible for payment of any fees to the private provider. The Court may review the issue of fees upon motion of either party.

The Court may review the issue of fees payable to Cumberland County CommuniCare, Inc. if the assessment/evaluation qualifies for insurance reimbursement.

ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION REVIEW

This matter shall be scheduled for a review hearing reference the status of the above assessment/evaluations on _____ in Courtroom _____.

Date:	Name of Presiding Judge:	Signature of Presiding Judge:
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PARTY INFORMATION

Party name _____
 Address _____

 Phone _____

 DOB _____
 SSN _____

Attorney _____
 Phone _____

Party name _____
 Address _____

 Phone _____

 DOB _____
 SSN _____

Attorney _____
 Phone _____

Children's Names: _____ DOB: _____
 _____ DOB: _____
 _____ DOB: _____
 _____ DOB: _____

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