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STATE OF MINNESOTA

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

HENNEPIN COUNTY

JUVENILE COURT DIVISION

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of:

Tasha Tennin, Parent

JUVENILE PROTECTION PETITION FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF PROTECTION OR SERVICES

FAM ID No .:

JC Case No.: 27-JV-18-653

SSIS No.:

533716565

Children: Child 2: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4 Child 3: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4 Child 4: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4 Child 5: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4 Child 6: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4

Petitioner, Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, also known as the "Department," alleges that:

The children who are subject to this petition are as follows:

- 1.1 Child 2: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4
- 1.2 Child 3: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4
- 1.3 Child 4: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4 (Deceased)
- 1.4 Child 5: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4
- 1.5 Child 6: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4

The children's parents and or legal custodians are as follows: 2.0

2.1 Mother:

Tasha Tennin, DOB: 09/25/1982, Race: African American Current Residence: 8205 Queen Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota 55444

2.1.1 The mother was not married when the children were conceived or when the children were born and is the sole custodian under Minn. Stat. §257.541, Subd. 1.



2.1.2 Tasha Tennin has the following other child not subject of this petition:

D. G.,

D.G. has reached the age of majority.

2.2 Adjudicated Father of Child 2, Child 3, Child 4 and Child 5:

Tedrick Davis Sr., DOB: 04/11/1980, Race: African American LKA: 707 Queen Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411

2.2.1 Tedrick Davis is considered adjudicated as the father of Child 2 pursuant to Hennepin County Court File No. 27-PA-FA-06-1045.

Tedrick Davis is considered adjudicated as the father of Child 3 pursuant to Hennepin County Court File No. 27-PA-FA-10-791.

Tedrick Davis is considered adjudicated as the father of Child 4 pursuant to Hennepin County Court File No. 27-PA-FA-10-792.

Tedrick Davis is considered adjudicated as the father of Child 5 as he and Ms. Tennin were over the age of eighteen when they signed a Recognition of Parentage Form which was filed with the Minnesota Department of Health, Division of Vital Statistics.

Tedrick Davis is considered adjudicated as the father of Child 6 as he and Ms. Tennin were over the age of eighteen when they signed a Recognition of Parentage Form which was filed with the Minnesota Department of Health, Division of Vital Statistics.

3.0 The Parties to this proceeding include the following:

Tasha Tennin, Mother

Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, Petitioner

Address: 525 Portland Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1569

Guardian Ad Litem Office

Address: Juvenile Justice Center C-35 - 590 Park Ave., L878

Minneapolis, MN 55415-1582

4.0 The Participants to this proceeding are as follows:

Child 2: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4, Child

Child 3: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4, Child

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Child 5: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4, Child

Child 6: Refer to Conf. Info. Document 11.4, Child

Tedrick Davis Sr., Adjudicated Father of Child 2, Child 3, Child 4 and Child 5

5.0 Based on information now known, the Indian Child Welfare Act is not applicable.

6.0 The following facts constitute grounds to believe the children are in need of protection or services:

Tasha Tennin is the mother of the five children who are subjects of this petition. Ms. Tennin has an extensive child protection history in Minnesota with reports of physical abuse, endangerment, neglect (domestic violence, failure to provide medical care, failure to protect), threatened injury and multiple reports of sexual abuse (see prior child protection history, Section 8.)

On February 1, 2018, Hennepin County Child Protection received a report of neglect, failure to protect Child 4 from conditions or actions that present serious endangerment by Ms. Tennin, and a report of threatened injury of Child 2, Child 3, Child 5 and Child 6 by Ms. Tennin. On February 1, 2018, the Brooklyn Park Police Department responded to a call of a child who was unconscious. It was reported that Ms. Tennin called 911 stating that Child 4 was unconscious but responsive. When officers arrived on the scene, they found Child 4 laying in the living room; Child 4's eyes were wide open and Child 4 was not breathing. Per the report, Child 4 was cold to the touch, as if Child 4 was found outside and moved inside. Child 4 had pajamas on and appeared to have urinated on the clothing. Ms. Tennin told the police officers that she went downstairs to wake up Child 4 for school but Child 4 would not respond. Ms. Tennin picked up Child 4 and brought Child 4 upstairs and called 911. According to the report, Child 4 had no signs of visible trauma and had no known medical conditions.

Once the Brooklyn Park Police Department arrived to the home of Ms. Tennin, Child 4 was declared deceased at the scene. It was reported that an autopsy would be completed by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner. The children were placed on a police hold.

On February 1, 2018, Child 5 was interviewed by the Child Protection Investigator(CPI) at the Brooklyn Park Police Department. Child 5 reported that Child 4 went outside when school was over and was playing with friends. When Child 4 came inside, Child 4 was having a hard time breathing. Child 5 reported that Ms. Tennin knew Child 4 was having a hard time breathing and the following morning, when Ms. Tennin was trying to wake Child 4 up for school, Child 4 was not breathing at all.

Child 3 was interviewed by the CPI as well and reported that Child 4 committed suicide last night. Child 3 stated that in the morning, Ms. Tennin was worried, then the police showed up. Child 3 reported that the previous night, Child 4 went to bed and Child 2,

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Child 3, Child 5 and Child 6 were watching a movie. Child 3 stated that Child 4 did not say anything about being sad or upset and that Child 4 had a cold and was stuffed up "like everyone else."

Child 2 was interviewed by the CPI and reported that Child 2 was unaware if anyone was awake or asleep the night before Child 4 passed away. When Child 2 got home, everyone was laying down. In the morning, Child 2 stated that the only people who were up was Child 2, the baby, and Ms. Tennin. Child 2 reported that things were quiet and the bus picked up Child 2. The CPI asked Child 2 to clarifying questions regarding what happened the morning before Child 2 got on the bus, Child 2 reported that Ms. Tennin called Child 2 to get blankets and a heater. Child 2 could not find the heater and was trying to leave for school so Child 2 gave Ms. Tennin the heater and walked away. Child 2 reported that Child 2 saw Ms. Tennin turn on the oven because she stated that Child 4 was cold.

On February 2, 2018, the CPI interviewed Ms. Tennin. Ms. Tennin reported that for the past two weeks, the flu was going through her family; each person had diarrhea, vomiting, and no appetite. The day prior to Child 4's death, Ms. Tennin reported that Child 4 was very quiet and at dinner, they all had left overs but Child 3 and Child 4 did not eat. Ms. Tennin reported that the school told her that lately, Child 4 was sleeping more often. Ms. Tennin stated that Child 4 was not himself that day, that Child 4 looked "messed up," and that Child 4 slept in a different bedroom for the first time. Around 5:30 pm that evening, Ms. Tennin checked on Child 4 and asked if Child 4 wanted something to eat. Child 4 replied "no", stated that Child 4's head hurt and laid back down. Ms. Tennin left Child 4 peanut butter crackers and water. Around 7:30 pm, Ms. Tennin went to Child 4's room and had Child 4 use the restroom. Around 9 pm, Child 6 wanted to watch "Goo Goo Babies" and Ms. Tennin went downstairs to check on Child 4. Child 4 had turned all the way over and Ms. Tennin left the room. Ms. Tennin checked on all the other children and went to bed.

On February 1, 2018, Ms. Tennin woke up Child 2 around 7:15 am due to the bus leaving at 7:40 am. At 7:30 pm, Ms. Tennin gave Child 2 medication and woke up the other children. Ms. Tennin went downstairs and yelled for Child 4 to wake up. Child 4 grunted, she clapped at Child 4 and made alot of noise trying to get Child 4 up. Ms. Tennin went upstairs to help Child 2 take out the trash and then told Child 3 to get dressed. Ms. Tennin proceeded to go back up the stairs when she noticed that Child 4 was not behind her so she want back to the room to see what was wrong. Ms. Tennin yelled for Child 2 to get a phone and Child 2 could not find one and stated that Child 2 would be late for the bus. Ms. Tennin stated to Child 2 that something was wrong with Child 4 and that she needed to call 911. Ms. Tennin called 911 on the first phone she could find.

During the interview, Ms. Tennin had a blank look on her face, her eyes were wide and she was looking at the wall over the table and started making sounds with her throat. Ms. Tennin's cousin told the CPI to move away and called for the uncle to come and help saying "Tasha is about to blow. Get in here, she has been doing this all night." Ms. Tennin flipped the table over and started crying/yelling. Ms. Tennin stood up with fisted hands and

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then fell onto her knees. The famly support attempted to support her but could not. There were four people who moved round Ms. Tennin in a "prayer circle" and Ms. Tennin stated "Devil stole my baby. I didn't give him permission. Stealing is wrong. Stealing is wrong. He shouldn't have taken my baby." Ms. Tennin then looked at the CPI and mentioned something relating to a previous child protection case then stated "Teddy ain't no father." Ms. Tennin made a quick motion toward the CPI and her family stood in between her and the CPI. The family was able to contain Ms. Tennin and the CPI left.

The school Child 4 attended reported that Child 4 had been tired lately at school because of a medication Child 4 was taking. The school also reported that there had been a number of students who had the flu. The school therapist reported that the day prior to Child 4's death, Child 4 did not want to do the reading activity and had walked away for a few minutes, but after Child 4 called and spoke to Ms. Tennin, Child 4's behavior changed. According to the school, Child 4 had been more active and alert lately and if Child 4 was overly tired, the school would let Child 4 take a short nap.

On February 5, 2018, the school's principal stated that Child 4 appeared visibly sick the previous week and believed that there was a sickness going on in the family's home as Child 4's sibling appeared sick too.

This case is currently being investigated by the Brooklyn Park Police Department. It was reported by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's office that Child 4 had several old scars on Child 4's back that appeared to come from belt and a couple scars on Child 4's genitals. There were no other signs of trauma. The autopsy report is currently pending.

The Department wants to make sure the children's are safe during the ongoing investigation by the Brooklyn Park Police Department. The Department also has concerns about Ms. Tennin's ability to keep Mr. Davis Sr. out of her home as there is an active Order for Protection that expires in November 2018 (27-DA-FA-16-8166). The children have reported that Mr. Davis Sr. sneaks into their home after Ms. Tennin falls asleep and that they sometimes sneak out with their father.

7.0 The parents have a criminal history, summarized as follows:

Tasha Tennin has the following criminal convictions in Minnesota:

- Public Nuisance-Annoy/Injure/Endanger Safety, 07/13/2007, 02-VB-07-7957;
- Malicious Punishment of a Child, 06/10/2008, 27-CR-06-052590;
- DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle-Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours, 09/18/2008, 02-CR-08-10828.

Tedrick Davis Sr. has the following criminal convictions in Minnesota:

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- Possession of marijuana in motor vehicle, 09/04/1998, 27-CR-98-064694;
- Possess marijuana in a motor vehicle, where drive or owner, 07/23/2008, 27-VB-08-1080680596;
- 3rd Degree DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle-Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours, 07/31/2012, 27-CR-12-24160;
- Traffic DWI-Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol, 02/23/2015, 27-CR-14-36741.

8.0 The parents have had prior Child Protection involvement as follows:

Hennepin County Child Protection records indicate that Ms. Tennin received child protective services from November 4, 1999, until February 2, 2000.

On August 1, 2006, Hennepin County Child Protection received a report alleging physical abuse of Child 1 by Ms. Tennin, a relative, and the relative's girlfriend. The report indicated that Child 1 hit Child 2, who was an infant at the time. Ms. Tennin and Mr. Larry Tennin's girlfriend then reportedly held Child 1 down while Mr. Larry Tennin reportedly whooped Child 1 with a belt. Ms. Tennin was criminally charged and convicted of Malicious Punishment of a Child; Hennepin County Court File No. 27-CR-06-052590.

A CHIPS Petition was filed in Hennepin County Court, Juvenile Division, on August 4, 2006; Hennepin County Court File No. 27-JV-06-11635. The Court terminated jurisdiction on November 30, 2006.

On December 9, 2009, Hennepin County Child Protection received a report alleging endangerment due to weapons. The report stated that police were dispatched to Ms. Tennin's home due to a gun being fired many times outside of the home. Upon entering the home, five to six small children were observed, ranging in age from 0 to 5 years old. Two or three additional children were present. A black semi-automatic handgun was found in the basement on a couch. Mr. Larry Tennin admitted to police that the gun belonged to him. According to the report, the children were within "easy reach" of the weapon, and a neighbor identified Mr. Tennin as the shooter. Findings of maltreatment were made against Mr. Tennin and the case closed following the completion of the child protection investigation.

On March 3, 2015, Hennepin County Child Protection received a report alleging neglect following a domestic altercation between Ms. Tennin and Mr. Tedrick Davis. The report

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stated that Ms. Tennin went to Mr. Davis' house to pick up her children. Mr. Davis approached Ms. Tennin's vehicle and stated that he wanted to talk to her. Mr. Davis became angry and upset when Ms. Tennin told him that she did not have time to talk. Mr. Davis then opened the passenger door and threw a child car seat at Ms. Tennin, striking her in the face. Ms. Tennin locked the doors and drove off, then called the police. Mr. Davis followed Ms. Tennin and was able to open the rear door of her vehicle as the lock did not work on that door. Mr. Davis grabbed a crow bar and raised it over his head. Mr. Davis told Ms. Tennin to leave, but she waited in her vehicle until police arrived.

The case was accepted as a Family Assessment and closed upon completion of the assessment.

On October 19, 2015, Hennepin County Child Protection received a report alleging neglect of Child 1 and Child 7 due to failure to provide necessary medical care. It was reported that the children were brought to HCMC by ambulance after being involved in a car accident. They were reported to have been passengers in the vehicle. Child 1 incurred minor injuries including leg pain and a punctured left hand. Child 7 had hip and leg pain resulting from the accident. Ms. Tennin arrived at the hospital and refused treatment for the children. She then removed the children from the hospital against medical advice.

The case was accepted as a Family Assessment and closed upon the completion of the assessment.

On December 1, 2015, Hennepin County Child Protection received a report alleging sexual abuse of Child 2 by a female juvenile relative (hereon referred to as Child 7). Additionally, the report alleged sexual abuse of Child 2, Child 3, Child 4, Child 5, and Child 6, by their sibling, Child 1.

The report stated that Ms. Tasha Tennin had taken temporary custody of a relative's child, Child 7. Child 7 moved into the family home around September 25, 2015, and left the home on November 22, 2015. Child 7 reportedly babysat Ms. Tennin's children while Ms. Tennin was at work. After Child 7 moved out of the home, Child 2 reported to Ms. Tennin what had happened while Child 7 was living in the home. It was reported that Child 7 would put the other children to bed, then call Child 2 into Child 2's room and shut the door. Child 7 then reportedly pulled down Child 2's pants and put Child 2's "stuff" in Child 7's mouth. It was also reported that Child 7 put Child 2 on the bed and Child 7 straddled child 2, putting Child 2's "stuff" in Child 7's "area". Child 2 would call for help and resist, but Child 7 then hit Child 2. The alleged abuse reportedly happened 3-4 times between late September and November, 2015. Child 2 reportedly wanted to tell Ms. Tennin, but was afraid that Child 7 would hurt Child 2.

It was later reported that 16 year-old Child 1 had sexually assaulted the other children in the home.

On December 2, 2015, Hennepin County Child Protection received a report alleging sexual abuse of Child 1 by a male paternal cousin. It was reported that the abuse happened repeatedly from the time Child 1 was 7 years old until Child 1 was 11 years old.

CornerHouse interviews, interviews by law enforcement and the investigating social worker were conducted.

On December 16, 2015, Child 7 was arrested and charged with First Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct. The case was dismissed on February 11, 2016.

During the course of the investigation, Child 1 moved to the home of a maternal grandmother via family arrangement, and remains in her care at the time of this filing.

Child 7 reportedly now resides in Indiana with Child 7's mother and siblings.

The following maltreatment findings were made:

- Maltreatment findings made against Child 7 for the sexual abuse of Child 2, Child 3, Child 4, and Child 5.
- Maltreatment finding made against Child 7 for the physical abuse of Child 2.
- Maltreatment findings made against Child 1 for the sexual abuse of Child 2 and Child 3.

On January 7, 2016, the case was transferred to the Child Protection Field Unit for ongoing services and support.

On May 4, 2016, Hennepin County Child Protection received a subsequent report alleging threatened injury of Child 2 and Child 3, by their mother, Ms. Tennin. It was reported that Ms. Tennin threatened to break Child 2's arms and legs if Child 2 "touches anyone". Additionally, it was reported that Ms. Tennin was heard at Child 3's school yelling up the stairs at Child 3. Ms. Tennin allegedly yelled to Child 3 "I swear to God if you put your hands on any of them (referring to her other children), then I will come up there personally and beat your ass. Now get the fuck out of my face". According to the report, this was the third or fourth time Ms. Tennin has been heard threatening to physically harm the children. It's the second report the Department has received for this issue.

The case was assigned as a traditional investigation. Ms. Tennin stated to the investigating social worker that she is not willing to meet as she already has a current child protection social worker.

It has been brought forth to the Department's attention that Child 1 is no longer able to reside with Child 1's maternal grandmother due to the grandmother's medical condition. With assistance from the Department, the family has been unable to come up with a living

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arrangement for Child 1, who is not permitted to have contact with Child 1's siblings at this time

On June 13, 2016, the Court ordered that Child 1 return to Ms. Tennin's care under the protective supervision of the Department.

On August 24, 2016 Hennepin County Child Protection received a report of sexual abuse of Child 2 and Child 3 by a relative. Child 2 and Child 3 were interviewed at Cornerhouse. Information from those interviews includes the following: The sexual abuse occurred on multiple occasions over the past summer, when they were on an extended visit at a relative's home. The sexual abuse included oral and anal penetration. Mr. Davis, father of Child 2 and Child 3, knew what was happening. Mr. Davis told one of the children that he would break that child's arms and legs if the child told anyone. Ms. Tennin has been cooperative with the investigation which remains ongoing and there were no allegations related to her care of the children.

On September 13, 2016, the Child Protection Investigator spoke with Child 1 and Child 3's therapist. The therapist reported that Child 1 has admitted to wanting to have sexual contact with Child 1's siblings again. Child 1 was staying with Relative 1 pursuant to a family arrangement due to concerns that the other children would not be safe if Child 1 remained in the home. Child 1 completed a psychosexual evaluation and participated in phase 1 of sex specific treatment at Headway but is refusing to participate in phase 2 as recommended by the therapist. The therapist reiterated that Child 1 should not be around other children right now. The therapist believes that the only way to get Child 1 to go into treatment would be an inpatient program rather than outpatient.

On September 22, 2016, the assigned child protection social worker learned that Child 1 had returned to the family home. Ms. Tennin reported she picked up the child from the relative because the child was missing therapy appointments and was not following the rules in the home. The Department believes the other children are at risk if Child 1 remains in the home. On September 23, 2016, Ms. Tennin agreed to have Child 1 go back to Relative 1's home.

Child 2, Child 3, Child 4, and Child 5 all attend individual and family therapy at Power of Relationships. The mental health providers have shared with the Department their concerns that Ms. Tennin continues to need ongoing support from the Department. The providers report that Ms. Tennin has been bringing the children to their therapy appointments and has participated in family therapy. With the new sex abuse allegations, Ms. Tennin seems to be struggling and the children will need continued case management and therapeutic services along with family therapy with Ms. Tennin.

On November 18, 2016, Hennepin County Child Protection received a report of neglect, failure to protect Child 2 and Child 3 from serious endangerment by their father, Tedrick Davis Sr., and a report of physical abuse, threatened injury of Child 1, Child 2, Child 3 Child 4, Child 5 and Child 6, by Mr. Davis Sr. According to the report, Child 2 and Child 3

told Mr. Davis Sr. that they were sexually assaulted. Mr. Davis Sr. told them that they were lying, and if they said anything to anyone he would break their arms. Mr. Davis Sr. became aggressive, Child 2 ran out of the house in fear and Mr. Davis dragged him back into the house and "backhanded" him. It was also reported that on one occasion, when CHild 2 and Child 3 were being sexually assaulted by a family friend, Mr. Davis Sr. was passed out from drugs and /or alcohol in the same room the sexual assault took place. Child 2 and Child 3 were reportedly yelling for their father to help them, but he did not wake up. Mr. Davis Sr. has threatened all the children with physical harm while using a crow bar as a weapon.

There was a maltreatment finding of neglect, failure to protect Child 2 and Child 3 by Mr. Davis Sr. and a maltreatment finding of threatened injury of Child 2 and Child 3 by Mr. Davis Sr.

9.0 The above-named children are in need of protection or services, pursuant to the following subparagraphs of Minn. Stat. §260C.007. Subd. 6:

- (2) (i) has been a victim of physical or sexual abuse, or (ii) resides or has resided with a victim of domestic child abuse as defined in subdivision 5, (iii) resides with or would reside with a perpetrator of domestic child abuse or child abuse as defined in subdivision 5, or (iv) is a victim of emotional maltreatment as defined in subdivision 8;
- (3) is without necessary food, clothing, shelter, education, or other required care for the child's physical or mental health or morals because the child's parent, guardian, or custodian is unable or unwilling to provide that care;
- (5) is medically neglected;
- (8) is without proper parental care because of the emotional, mental, or physical disability, or state of immaturity of the child's parent, guardian, or other custodian;
- (9) is one whose behavior, condition, or environment is such as to be injurious or dangerous to the child or others. An injurious or dangerous environment may include, but is not limited to, the exposure of a child to criminal activity in the child's home;

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, Petitioner requests an adjudication that these children are in need of protection or services and a disposition pursuant to Minn. Stat. §260C.201, Subd. 1.

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Petitioner, by and through its undersigned agent, hereby verifies that the above allegations are true to the best of the Petitioner's information and belief.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct.

02/06/2018

Date

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Ivy Villani, Social Worker

For the Hennepin County Human Services and

Public Health Department, Petitioner

Hennepin County, Minnesota

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This petition has been drafted under the supervision of the undersigned who believes that reasonable grounds exist to support the allegations.

02/06/2018

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NOTICE TO PARENTS

If Juvenile Court orders your child to participate in programs or services while living with you, or if your child is placed in detention, a correctional or treatment facility, or foster care, you may be required to help Hennepin County pay for the cost of programs or services. THIS NOTICE IS NOT A COURT ORDER. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOUR CHILD, CONTACT THE ASSIGNED PROBATION OFFICER OR SOCIAL WORKER. As a parent, you are responsible for the expenses of your child, even if you do not agree with the Juvenile Court's order:

- Any income or resources that belong to your child, such as SSI, RSDI, or child support, must be used
 to reimburse Hennepin County for the cost of care, examination, or treatment of the child. There are
 some limited exceptions. Minnesota Statutes §§252.27, 260B.331, and 260C.331.
- If the income and resources of the child are not enough to pay the full cost of care, examination, and treatment, each parent may be required to pay an additional fee, based on each parent's ability to pay, as determined by the Hennepin County Parental Fee Unit. This determination will be made according to Minnesota Statutes §§252.27, 260B.331, or 260C.331 and the Hennepin County Board Fee Policy.
- The amount of the parental fee (if any) will be withheld from each parent's income according to Minnesota Statute §518.6111.
- Parent(s) must enroll the child in any health or dental insurance plan available to the parent(s) on a
 group basis or be liable for the full cost of medical and dental services, according to Minnesota
 Statute §518.171.
- Hennepin County can be awarded a judgment against the parent(s) for any unpaid court-ordered fees, and/or for any income or resources of the child that were not properly used to reimburse Hennepin County for the cost of care.
- Parent(s) who refuse to pay fees that the Juvenile Court has ordered may be found in contempt of court.

IF your child receives services ordered by Juvenile Court, or is held in detention, or enters out-of-home placement, you will be required to cooperate with all of the following:

- A financial investigation by the Hennepin County Parental Fee Unit, to determine the amount (if any) of your parental fee.
- The signing of any documents necessary to allow the income and resources of the child (if any) to be paid directly to Hennepin County while the child is receiving services, or is in detention or placement.
- The signing of a form to assign the child's health or dental insurance benefits (if any) to Hennepin County.

IF you think your child will enter out-of-home placement or will receive services ordered by Juvenile Court, and you currently have the child covered by a health insurance policy, you may wish to investigate whether your policy will cover the placement or services, and obtain any needed authorization.

If you have any questions about the financial cost (if any) to you and/or your child, of detention, placement, or services ordered through Juvenile Court, you may call the Hennepin County Parental Fee unit at: (612)-596-7994. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS RELATED TO PLACEMENT OR SERVICES, CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S PROBATION OFFICER OR SOCIAL WORKER.

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