

CUSTODY ACTIONS IN BEDFORD COUNTY
INSTRUCTIONS FOR
PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF CUSTODY ORDER

I. CAPTION- For all documents (pleadings) use the same caption:

Name (person who filed original custody action),	:	No. _____ for the year ____
Plaintiff	:	(use the same number for the original
	:	custody action)
vs.	:	Civil Action- Law
	:	
Name (person custody action was filed against),	:	In Custody
Defendant	:	

II. ORDER OF COURT

- Complete Caption
- You, (put the name of the other party in the custody action here) (respondent), have been sued in court to Modify (circle what type of custody you are asking the court to award you) (shared legal custody) (sole legal custody) and (partial physical custody) (primary physical custody) (shared physical custody) (sole physical custody) (supervised physical custody) of the children: write the child(ren)'s initials who are the subject of the custody action that you want to modify.
- The Court will complete the rest of the document

III. PETITION

- Complete Caption
1. Petitioner is (person requesting modification of the order and completing this petition) and resides at (put down the petitioner's address. If this person is an abuse victim as defined by the Public Access Policy, then list the address as confidential and write the address in the Confidential Information Form).
 2. Respondent is (other party to the custody action who the modification is being filed against) and resides at (put down the respondent's address. If this person is an abuse victim the list the address as confidential and write the address in the Confidential Information Form).
 3. Petitioner respectfully represents that on (date the custody order that you want to modify was entered) an Order of Court was entered for (circle what type of custody the court ordered) (shared legal custody) (sole legal custody) and (partial physical custody) (primary physical custody) (shared physical custody) (sole physical custody) (supervised

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physical custody). A true and correct copy of the Order is attached. (Provide a copy of the Order.)

4. The Order should be modified because: (Provide reasons why you want the custody order modified. If describing the child(ren) use only initials, not the child(ren)'s name).
5. Petitioner has attached the Criminal Record/Abuse History Verification form required pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1915.3-2. (complete and attached this form, for more instructions on this form read "Instructions On Completing Custody Documents.")

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that the Court modify the existing Order because it will be in the best interest of the child(ren).

(Attorney for Petitioner) Petitioner) (sign)

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

I verify that the statements made in this petition are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date

Petitioner's signature (sign)

IV. COMPLETE THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORM

- The Confidential Information Form should include any confidential addresses, child(ren)'s names and dates of birth.
- For more information on completing the Confidential Information Form, see Custody Actions in Bedford County, Public Access Policy: Confidential Information and Documents.

For more detailed instructions, please visit www.pacourts.us. For information about your specific case, please contact an attorney.

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