

# Iowa Support Master and the New Guidelines – A Webinar

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## Child Care Variance – Actual Case Study

**Facts:** NCP Dad and CP Mom are divorcing. They have one minor child in issue. The child is 1-year-old and in daycare fulltime. Dad consents to Mom having sole custody. Dad wants no visitation.

1. NCP Dad's yearly wage income is \$69,632.30.
2. CP Mom's yearly wage income is \$64,701.43.
3. CP mom claims the child and will file Head of Household.
4. NCP Dad will file Single.
5. NCP Dad pays child's health insurance, \$1,923.84 per year per a private plan.  
(If you entered these figures into the 2022 Support Master, you should have a child support result of \$643.46 per month.)

*Then the trouble begins:*

6. CP Mom pays child care expenses of \$8,840 for the year. No 3<sup>rd</sup> party reimbursement.
7. Mom would not be able to work without having the child in child care.
8. The child will start school full-time in August 2026.

### Position of the Parties:

CP Mom seeks a variance for child care expenses. Child care will be required until the child can be safe at home alone. At what age would that be we do not know.

NCP Dad contends that his share of the cost of child care should be considered included in the child support he must pay. He resists a variance.

### What would you do?

1. You are representing the CP Mom, how much of a variance would you ask for, if any?
2. What is the maximum amount the Court can grant in child care variance?
3. Do you know what the "Snipping Tool" is?
4. How would you expect to handle the change to full-time school/summer child care expenses?
5. Would you give any consideration to the fact that mom will have sole custody?
6. Would the fact that dad does not want visitation play a role in your decision?