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Title
Rules and Forms | Family Law: Certification of Statewide Uniform Guideline Support Calculators (Action Required)

Summary
The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee proposes amending California Rules of Court, rule 5.275, to require guideline child support calculators to display the low-income adjustment range on the first page of the calculator results printout, if applicable per Family Code section 4055(b)(7), to improve consistency in child support calculations for low-income obligors, and to delete the requirement to submit an application form and fee for certification to better align with current practice for certifying guideline calculators.

Recommendation
The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2020, amend California Rules of Court:

1. Rule 5.275(b), to add a provision requiring the printout of the calculation results to display the range of the low-income adjustment as permitted by Family Code section 4055(b)(7) on the first page of the results, if the low-income adjustment applies; and
2. Rule 5.275(i), to remove the requirement for guideline software developers to submit an application form supplied by the Judicial Council and a fee for certification of the software.