

APPENDIX F

Summary of Correspondence from the Public Regarding the Quadrennial Review

The Family Practice Committee received several pieces of correspondence from the public regarding the Quadrennial Review. Those are summarized as follows:

1. An e-mail dated January 2003 from a concerned grandmother states that “Child Support Guidelines hurt the very children they seek to help by systematically destroying the fathers of these children.” The correspondence provides a host of research conducted in various states regarding fair treatment of fathers with respect to Child Support Guidelines. The correspondence requests that the New Jersey Guidelines, which the author views to be gender-biased in favor of the mother, be amended to provide fair treatment to both parents.
2. Correspondence from a New Jersey child advocacy organization received on January 2, 2003, which inquired as to when the Quadrennial Review of the New Jersey Child Support Guidelines will take place.
3. Correspondence from a New Jersey child advocacy organization dated February 4, 2003, requesting that information related to the Quadrennial Review process be made available to the public. The correspondence emphasizes the importance of having both parents equally involved in the psychological and financial well being of their children. Additionally, the correspondence submitted several questions to be considered during the Quadrennial Review process, including (1) how the review will be conducted; (2) whether a commission will be formed to allow the public to participate; and (3) whether the review process and procedures will be shared with the public prior to any undertaking of the guideline review.