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UIFSA's "One Order" System

Is there a currently-valid **CHILD SUPPORT ORDER** governing this obligor's on-going duty to support this child?

NO⇨ There is **NO CONTROLLING ORDER**. A tribunal with personal jurisdiction over the obligor may establish a new support order that will be the one controlling order. G.S. 52C-4-401(a).

YES
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Is there **MORE THAN ONE** currently-valid order governing this obligor's duty to support this child?

NO⇨ The **ONE EXISTING ORDER** is the one, controlling order (regardless of whether issuing tribnal would still have CEJ). G.S. 52C-2-207(a).

YES
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Has any tribunal made a valid determination regarding recognition of the one controlling order under UIFSA?

YES⇨ The order previously **RECOGNIZED** as the one controlling order is the **ONE CONTROLLING ORDER**. G.S. 52C-2-207(c), (e), (f).

NO
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Do any of the tribunals that issued a child support order currently have **CONTINUING EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION**?

NO⇨ There is **NO CONTROLLING ORDER**; a responding tribunal may establish a new child support order that will be the one controlling order. G.S. 52C-2-207(b)(3).

YES
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Does **MORE THAN ONE** of the tribunals that issued a child support order *currently* have **CEJ**?

NO⇨ The order issued by tribunal that has **CEJ** is the one, controlling order. G.S. 52C-2-207(b)(1).

YES
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Is one of the tribunals with CEJ a tribunal in the *current* **HOME STATE** of the child?

YES⇨ The order issued by the tribunal in the child's current **HOME STATE** is the one, controlling order. G.S. 52C-2-207(b)(2).

NO
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The **MOST RECENT ORDER** issued by a tribunal that has CEJ is the one, controlling order. G.S. 52C-2-207(b)(2).