

STEVEN P. BRUNELLE

v.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Submitted on Briefs February 26, 2003
Decided March 18, 2003

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and CLIFFORD, RUDMAN, ALEXANDER, CALKINS,
and LEVY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Steven P. Brunelle appeals from a judgment entered in the Superior Court (York County, *Fritzsche, J.*) affirming a decision of the Maine Department of Human Services that Brunelle owes \$810.03 in child support to the custodial parent, Judy Brunelle, for the time period that their child, Sarah, resided with him. Contrary to Brunelle's contentions, absent a motion to modify, a child support obligation can only be satisfied by complying with the terms of the divorce decree and a party seeking a modification of child support must file a motion with the court in order to obtain relief. *Beck v. Beck*, 1999 ME 110, ¶ 7, 733 A.2d 981, 983;

19-A M.R.S.A. § 2009 (1998); *see also* 19-A M.R.S.A. § 1653(10)(A) (1998)
(stating that section 2009 governs the modification of child support orders).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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