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Student Name: _____
AY: 2026-2027

Special Circumstances for Professional Judgement or Dependency Change

In some cases, where there has been a change in a student's financial or family situation, consideration may be made in order to increase the student's financial aid eligibility. Although not an exhaustive list, the following are examples of circumstances that may be considered for professional judgment.

- **Change in employment status (loss or significant change in employment earnings)**
- **Change in Marital Status**
- **Death, Disability, or Serious Illness of a wage earner**
- **Excessive out-of-pocket medical expenses that exceed 11% of the household's Adjusted Gross Income**
- **Losses incurred due to a natural disaster (hurricane, tornado, flood area)**
- **Losses incurred due to structure fire of home and loss of contents**

Personal Statement

You will be asked to provide additional documentation such as financial statements, pay stubs, medical/dental bills, death certificate, court documents, notarized statements of separation, proof of unemployment/termination notice, invoices, W-2 forms, tax transcripts and verification worksheet.

Certification and Signatures

Each person signing this worksheet certifies that all of the information on it is complete and correct. **I understand that once this information is submitted it may not be amended without supporting documentation.** Electronic corrections to your FAFSA may be made by USMMA's Office of Financial Aid if there are discrepancies between the information on this form and the data you filed on your FAFSA. Signatures are required by the student and one parent.

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Student Signature: Date

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Parent Signature: Date

WARNING: IF YOU PURPOSELY GIVE FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION, YOU MAY BE FINED, SENT TO PRISON OR BOTH