



# NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLAIM PATERNITY

## INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION

- Carefully read the information provided on the reverse of this form. The information provided is not designed to be legal advice. Questions concerning paternity, presumptions of paternity, or rights and responsibilities of a parent should be directed to an attorney.
- Please type or print neatly.
- All information in Part 1 concerning the father is required. Do not leave any of these items blank.
- Complete Part 2 and Part 3 to the best of your ability. If any item is unknown, leave the space blank.
- The child's name, date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name are very critical to linking the Notice of Intent to Claim Paternity with an actual child. The more complete the information you provide, the more effective the paternity registry can be.

### Part 1 MAN'S INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN PATERNITY REGISTRY:

1. FULL NAME FIRST		MIDDLE	LAST	
2. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		4. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER STATE                      NUMBER
5. RESIDENCE ADDRESS      NUMBER & STREET NAME		CITY		STATE                      ZIP
6. MAILING ADDRESS      NUMBER & STREET NAME		CITY		STATE                      ZIP

### Part 2 CHILD'S INFORMATION:

7. FULL NAME FIRST		MIDDLE	LAST	
8a. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)		8b. EXPECTED DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)		9. SEX
10a. BIRTHPLACE (HOSPITAL NAME)		10b. CITY OF BIRTH	10c. COUNTY OF BIRTH	10d. STATE OF BIRTH

### Part 3 MOTHER'S INFORMATION:

11. FULL NAME FIRST		MIDDLE	LAST		MAIDEN
12. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)		13. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		14. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER STATE                      NUMBER	
15. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS      NUMBER & STREET NAME		CITY		STATE	ZIP

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the father of the above child. I understand my name and information will be included in the paternity registry maintained by the Vital Statistics, Texas Department of State Health Services. I further understand that:

- Placing this form on file with Vital Statistics, Texas Department of State Health Services, entitles me to notice of proceeding for adoption of the child named above or for termination of my parental rights;
- Placing this form on file does not establish legal paternity of the child and does not begin the process of establishing legal paternity of the child;
- The information contained in this form may be used in a legal proceeding to establish paternity of the child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF MAN

#### VITAL STATISTICS USE ONLY

ACTUAL NAME OF CHILD \_\_\_\_\_  NOTICE SENT TO MOTHER  
 DOB \_\_\_\_\_ STATE FILE # \_\_\_\_\_  DENIAL RECEIVED

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLAIM PATERNITY

## **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

HB1091, 75<sup>th</sup> Legislative session amended Section 160, Texas Family Code, creating a Paternity Registry in the Vital Statistics, Texas Department of State Health Services. The purpose of the registry is to permit a man alleging to be the biological father of a child to assert his parentage, independent of the mother, and preserve his right as a parent. This registry also may expedite adoptions of children whose biological fathers are unwilling to assume responsibility of their child.

A man is not required to register with the paternity registry if he is presumed to be the biological father. Presumptions under the Family Code include:

1. Man and biological mother are married to each other and the child was born during wedlock or within 300 days after the marriage was terminated;
2. Before the birth of the child, man and biological mother attempted to marry in compliance with law but the marriage is or was void and the child was born within 300 days of when the attempted marriage terminated;
3. After the birth, the man and biological mother married or attempted to marry, he voluntarily asserted his paternity of the child, and:
  - a. The assertion is in a record filed with the Texas Vital Statistics;
  - b. He is voluntarily named as the child's father on the child's birth certificate; or
  - c. Is obligated to support the child by written promise or court order.

## **INFORMATION**

- This notice of intent to claim paternity must be filed before the birth of the child or not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of birth of the child.
- The Texas Vital Statistics will send a copy of the notice of the registration to a mother named on a notice of intent to claim paternity form.
- The information in this form is admissible in court proceedings.
- **Service to assist in establishing paternity can be obtained through the Office of the Attorney General, Child Support Division, or by hiring an attorney.**
- **If the conception or birth of the child occurred in another state, a man should also register with the registry of paternity in that other state.**
- **Information on registries in other states is available from the Texas Vital Statistics.**
- A man who fails to file a notice of intent to claim paternity by the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of birth of the child may not assert an interest in the child other than by filing a suit to establish paternity before the termination of a man's paternal rights.
- A man who files a notice of intent to claim paternity must promptly notify the registry in writing of any change in information including a change of address.
- **A man may rescind the notice of intent at any time by sending the registry a written statement signed and witnessed or notarized either stating to the best of the man's knowledge and belief that he is not the father or that a court has adjudicated another person to be the father of the child.**
- The registry address:

**Paternity Registry**  
Vital Statistics Unit - 1966  
Texas Department of State Health Services  
P.O. Box 149347  
Austin, Texas 78714-9347  
  
Toll Free #: (888) 963-7111 Ext. 2544  
Fax #: (512) 776-7164

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/patreg/default.shtm>

- **Information in the registry is confidential and may only be released to certain individuals or entities.**