

IC 31-19-20

Chapter 20. Release of Medical History Information

IC 31-19-20-1

Release of medical history; supplementation

Sec. 1. The state registrar:

- (1) shall release a copy of the medical history to any interested person;
- (2) may release a copy of the medical history to any person who satisfies the registrar that the person has a legitimate need; and
- (3) shall supplement the medical history with medical information received from any person.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11.

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Request for additional medical history information

Sec. 2. (a) Whenever the state registrar receives an inquiry for medical history information from an adoptee or adoptive parent and the state registrar reasonably believes that the medical history information available under section 1 of this chapter is incomplete, the state registrar shall request further medical history information concerning the adoptee from:

- (1) the hospital where the adoptee was born; and
- (2) the:
 - (A) licensed child placing agency;
 - (B) county office of family and children; and
 - (C) attorney;that arranged the adoptee's adoptive placement.

(b) A hospital, a licensed child placing agency, a county office of family and children, or an attorney that receives a request for medical information under subsection (a) shall release medical history information concerning the adoptee to the state registrar.

(c) The state registrar shall release any additional medical history information received under subsection (b) to the adoptee or adoptive parent.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.197-1997, SEC.26.

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Fees; disposition

Sec. 3. (a) The state department of health may charge a reasonable fee for the state registrar's search for further medical history information under section 2(a) of this chapter or death certificates.

(b) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the adoption history fund established by IC 31-19-18-6 and must be used for the automation of adoption history information and death certificates and for improved service delivery.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11.

IC 31-19-20-4

Release of medical records by provider

Sec. 4. IC 31-19-19, this chapter, and IC 31-19-21 through IC 31-19-25.5 do not restrict a provider (as defined in IC 16-18-2-295) from releasing medical records to an attorney or agency arranging an adoption if the provider receives the appropriate authorization under IC 16-39-1.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.11. Amended by P.L.191-2011, SEC.23.