



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3705.091 Acknowledgment of paternity affidavits.

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(A) If the natural mother and alleged father of a child sign an acknowledgment of paternity affidavit prepared pursuant to section 3111.31 of the Revised Code with respect to that child at the office of the local registrar, the local registrar shall provide a notary public to notarize, or witnesses to witness, the acknowledgment. The local registrar shall send a signed and notarized or witnessed acknowledgment of paternity to the office of child support in the department of job and family services pursuant to section 3111.22 of the Revised Code. The local registrar shall send the acknowledgment no later than ten days after it has been signed and notarized or witnessed. If the local registrar knows a man is presumed under section 3111.03 of the Revised Code to be the father of the child and that the presumed father is not the man who signed or is attempting to sign an acknowledgment with respect to the child, the local registrar shall not notarize, witness, or send the acknowledgment pursuant to this section.

(B) The local registrar of vital statistics shall provide an acknowledgment of paternity affidavit described in division (A) of this section to any person that requests it.

(C) The department of health shall store all acknowledgments of paternity affidavits it receives pursuant to section 3111.24 of the Revised Code. The department of health shall send to the office any acknowledgment the department is storing that the office requests. The department of health shall adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to govern the method of storage of the acknowledgments and to implement this section.

(D) The department of health and the department of job and family services shall enter into an agreement regarding expenses incurred by the department of health in comparing acknowledgment of paternity affidavits to birth records and storage of acknowledgment of paternity affidavits.
