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This *Adoption Agency Handbook* has been prepared to offer Adoption Agencies the tools and information necessary to ensure a successful surrender and placement under the Safe Delivery of Newborns law.

This handbook is not intended to take the place of a full agency or legal review of policies and procedures.

Copies of the *Adoption Agency Handbook* may be ordered by completing a Safe Delivery of Newborns Order Form available on the Safe Delivery Web site at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery. The full handbook may also be downloaded as a pdf file from the Web site. Agencies will be notified of updates for any sections of the *Adoption Agency Handbook* that are made following the initial distribution. New material will be available on the web at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery or may be requested through an Order Form for those agencies that have ordered a copy of the handbook.



Safe Delivery of Newborns Law

In 2000, infant abandonment was identified as an increasing problem throughout Michigan when stories of newborn babies abandoned in public places such as trash bins, car washes, along the side of the road or on steps of a church, were being reported by the media. These incidents typically involved young women or girls who were in a state of denial and/or panicked about the pregnancy. Responding to this increase in infant abandonment, Michigan lawmakers enacted the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law (effective January 1, 2001 and amended in 2002, 2003, 2006, and 2010) which:

- Focuses on educating the parent(s) that there are safe choices and protecting the newborn from harm or possible death.
- Creates an affirmative defense for the parent(s) to surrender an unwanted newborn to an emergency service provider (ESP) within 72 hours of birth anonymously or with assurances of confidentiality.
- Defines ESP as a uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department, hospital, or police station when that individual is inside the premises and on duty. ESP also includes a paramedic or an emergency medical technician (EMT) when either of those individuals is responding to a 9-1-1 emergency call.
- Focuses on achieving permanency for the newborn by an immediate placement with a prospective adoptive parent who has an approved preplacement assessment.

SAFE DELIVERY IS NOT INTENDED TO BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR RELEASING A CHILD FOR ADOPTION UNDER MICHIGAN'S ADOPTION CODE.



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AGENCY RESPONSE



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Agency Response



The Agency Response section is provided to encourage each agency to develop their specific response action plan in the event of a Safe Delivery surrender of a newborn. The Readiness Checklist will serve as a guide in developing this plan. Each agency should complete the provided Local Response and Contact Sheet with pertinent local resources to ensure preparedness.



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READINESS CHECKLIST—ARE YOU READY?

Below you will find a checklist of policies and procedures you should have in place to effectively respond to a safe delivery surrender.

AGENCY

- Dedicate staff to respond to hospital notification of surrender.

Considerations:

- Staff availability during working hours and/or non-working hours.
- Prospective adoptive families identified who are willing to accept a surrendered newborn.

POLICY

- Agency has a written policy and procedures in place.

Considerations:

- Safe Delivery information is readily available to staff.
- Staff are trained on the law and agency policy.
- Staff are trained on court requirements/procedures for a surrendered newborn.

If there is no policy:

- See model policy and guidelines in the *Adoption Agency Handbook** for developing policy.
- Additional information is available by calling the Safe Delivery Hotline at 1-866-733-7733 or visiting the Web site www.michigan.gov/safedelivery.

TRAINING

- A formal plan for training is in place for staff.
- A formal plan for training is in place for prospective adoptive families.

Considerations:

- Plan to review policy on an annual basis.
- Information on the Safe Delivery law is included for the orientation of all new staff and prospective adoptive families.
- Check Department of Human Services (DHS) Web site for updates at least annually.
- A training Web site for ESPs is available and may be linked through www.michigan.gov/safedelivery.

RESOURCES

- A designated staff person is assigned to ensure the Safe Delivery of Newborns Tracking Information (DHS Form 850) is completed within five (5) working days of surrender.
- Procedures for public notification of surrender are in place.
- Methods for locating the non-surrendering parent are in place.

When readiness checklist is complete, your agency is ready to accept a Safe Delivery. If you have questions, you may call the Safe Delivery Hotline Number (24/7) 1-866-733-7733.

* Michigan Safe Delivery of Newborns *Adoption Agency Handbook* contains information to assist in an agency's preparation for accepting a surrendered newborn. More information is available by calling 1-866-733-7733 or visiting the Web site www.michigan.gov/safedelivery.



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MICHIGAN SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS LOCAL RESPONSE AND CONTACT SHEET

Your agency should identify this information prior to a surrender.

Agency staff who will handle calls from hospitals during working hours and non-working hours (include name and title):

Location of the list of Approved Prospective Adoptive Families:

Identify who is responsible for completing the Safe Delivery of Newborns Tracking Information (DHS Form 850), and faxing to DHS Adoption Program Office within five (5) working days of surrender (include name and title):

Location of court procedures including court fees, protocols, forms and specific contacts:

Identify the local newspaper(s) that will be used to provide notice to the non-surrendering parent in the county of surrender:

Identify potential sources for locating the non-surrendering parent:

Hotline Number (24/7): 1-866-733-7733

Michigan's Missing Children's Information Clearinghouse: 1-800-525-5555

Adoption Program Office Fax: 517-241-2555



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

NOTE: A complete list of questions and answers can be found in the *Adoption Agency Handbook* Education, Training, and Advocacy Section Pages 58–64.

LAW

1. WHEN DID THIS LAW TAKE EFFECT?
2. IN GENERAL, WHAT DOES THE LAW PROVIDE?
3. WHO IS AN EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER (ESP)?
4. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) AGENCIES WERE NOT MENTIONED IN THE ORIGINAL LAW. WHEN WAS EMS ADDED AND WHO DOES IT INCLUDE?
5. DOES THE LAW AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATIONS SO THE ESP, PHYSICIANS AND OTHER CAREGIVERS ARE PAID FOR SERVICES RENDERED PURSUANT TO THIS LAW?
6. WHAT IF THE NEWBORN IS FOUND ABANDONED ON THE HOSPITAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE STATION PREMISES?
7. WHAT IF THE PERSON(S) SURRENDERING THE NEWBORN LEAVES WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?
8. IS IT LEGALLY RISKY FOR A PARENT(S) TO SURRENDER A NEWBORN TO AN ESP?
9. WHAT IF SOMEONE OTHER THAN A PARENT SURRENDERS THE NEWBORN?
10. HOW WILL THE NON-SURRENDERING PARENT KNOW ABOUT THE BIRTH AND THE SURRENDER OF THE BABY?
11. WHAT CIRCUIT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION DOES THE SURRENDERING PARENT(S) FILE FOR CUSTODY IF, AFTER SURRENDER, THEY WISH TO DO SO?
12. WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SAFE DELIVERY LAW?

ESP ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

13. I AM AN ESP, ARE THERE OPERATING GUIDELINES AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW?
14. IS IT LEGALLY RISKY FOR AN ESP TO ACCEPT THESE SURRENDERED NEWBORNS?
15. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007 THE DEFINITION OF AN ESP WAS CHANGED TO INCLUDE A PARAMEDIC OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) WHO RESPONDS TO A 9-1-1 EMERGENCY CALL, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
16. IF FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ARE DISPATCHED TO RESPOND TO A 9-1-1 CALL AND DISCOVER A PARENT(S) WHO WANTS TO SURRENDER A NEWBORN, WILL FIRE OR POLICE PERSONNEL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF THE NEWBORN?
17. WHAT IF A PARENT(S) FLAGS DOWN AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) VEHICLE IN THE FIELD THAT IS NOT RESPONDING TO A 9-1-1 CALL FROM THE PARENT(S) AND ATTEMPTS TO SURRENDER A NEWBORN?
18. HOW DOES THE ESP KNOW IF THE BABY IS A NEWBORN?
19. WHAT WRITTEN INFORMATION IS THE ESP TO PROVIDE THE SURRENDERING PARENT?



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

20. WHAT OTHER INFORMATION SHOULD THE ESP SHARE?
21. WHERE DOES AN ESP OBTAIN A LISTING OF COUNSELING AND MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS?
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25. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IF, DURING THE HOSPITAL'S CLINICAL ASSESSMENT, SIGNS OF ABUSE AND/OR NEGLECT ARE PRESENT?
26. DOES THE HOSPITAL HAVE TO OBTAIN WRITTEN CONSENT TO TREAT AND/OR TRANSFER THE NEWBORN?
27. WILL THE SURRENDERED NEWBORN BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID?
28. WHO APPLIES FOR THE BIRTH REGISTRATION?
29. FOLLOWING AN EXAMINATION AT A HOSPITAL AND IF THE NEWBORN IS UNHARMED, WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP FOR THE HOSPITAL?
30. WHERE DOES THE HOSPITAL OBTAIN A LISTING OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES THAT HANDLE ADOPTIONS?
31. WHAT IF A PARENT(S) RETURNS TO THE HOSPITAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE STATION OR CALLS 9-1-1 FOLLOWING SURRENDER AND REQUESTS THE RETURN OF THE NEWBORN?

CHILD PLACING AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

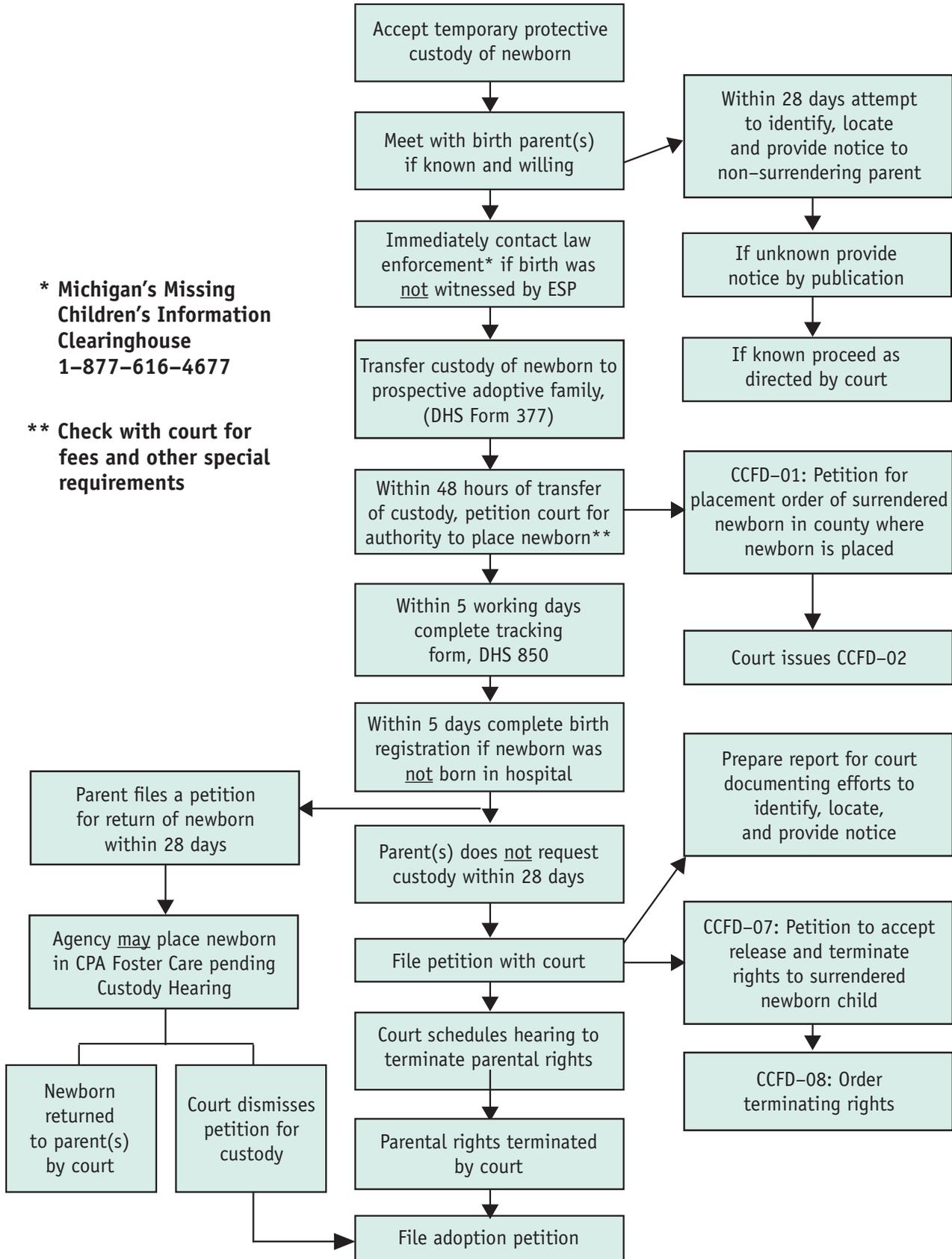
32. WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CHILD PLACING AGENCY THAT HAS TAKEN A NEWBORN UNDER THIS LAW?
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PROCEDURES



SAFE DELIVERY ADOPTION AGENCY FLOWCHART



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BEST PRACTICE CONSIDERATIONS

PREPARATION

a. Characteristics of a person who surrenders a newborn:

- Usually the birth mother but could be the birth father or both.
- May be in denial and hid the pregnancy; may be in shock or panicked about birth and decision to surrender.
- Has probably not received prenatal care.
- May be a teen or young adult and scared to tell family members or friends of the pregnancy and birth.
- May have a history of drug use and/or HIV exposure.
- May be isolated socially or emotionally or alone.
- May be the victim of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse victim.
- May be an older adult with other children, feeling unprepared emotionally or financially to parent another child.

b. How to approach a surrendering parent(s) who is willing to meet with the agency.

- Empathetically; the parent(s) may be fearful, suspicious, panicked and still in denial.
- Acknowledge confidentiality concerns and provide assurances that any information shared will be kept confidential; reaffirm that the parent(s) can remain completely anonymous.
- Provide assurances that the decision to surrender is positive and demonstrates parental concern for the child.
- If the parent(s) has not completed Form DHS 4819 (Voluntary Medical Background), or Form DHS 4820 (Voluntary Release): encourage the parent(s) to share known information for the benefit of the child, especially race and if there was prenatal drug or alcohol exposure, and sign the release to demonstrate to the court the parent's intent to release their parental rights.
- Advise the parent(s) about counseling services and confidential adoption services that may be available through the agency. The parent(s) may be experiencing feelings of loss and grief.
- Let the surrendering parent know that the agency is mandated to attempt to identify and locate the non-surrendering parent.
- Remind the parents that they have 28 days to petition the court to regain custody of the newborn.

LOCATING THE NON-SURRENDERING PARENT

- a. Interview surrendering parent.
- b. Determine if surrendering parent was/is married.
- c. If name is given, search on-line resource directories/services.



BEST PRACTICE CONSIDERATIONS

- d. If name is given, check available records or secure services of private investigator to locate:
- Marriage
 - Death
 - Voter Registration at Secretary of State Office (must be written on letterhead)
 - Department of Corrections
 - Federal Bureau of Prisons-online data base
 - Friend of the Court
 - ICHAT (Internet Criminal History Access Tool–MSP)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SURRENDER

- a. See sample notice in Procedures Section, page 19.
- b. Notice by publication in county of surrender and if required by court, surrounding counties.

ESP FOLLOW-UP

- a. Notify the ESP who initially accepted the surrendered newborn of the final disposition of the case. This is especially important when the ESP is an employee of a Fire Department, Police Station or EMT.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE COMPLETION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- a. Adoption Agencies have reported that several Michigan hospitals recognize the importance of the confidentiality requirements of the Safe Delivery of Newborns law when the surrendering parent(s) gives birth in the hospital and will not enter any identifying information shared by the surrendering parent(s) on the birth registration form.
- b. Adoption agency staffs are encouraged to discuss with hospital personnel, at each surrender, the confidentiality of identifying information that may be voluntarily shared by the surrendering parent(s).
- c. The adoption agency worker should determine if local hospital protocols allow the hospital staff to record the birth of a surrendered infant as a Baby Foundling Doe even though the surrendering parent(s) shared identifying information with assurances of confidentiality.

CENTRAL ADOPTION REGISTRY

- a. A surrendering parent(s) may be informed that they can file a consent with the Adoption Central Registry for the release of identifying information or a denial of consent.
- b. The Adoption Code, at the time of this publication, allows for the release of identifying information when an adoptee reaches the age of eighteen.



ADOPTION AGENCY PROTOCOL

PROCEDURES MANUAL

PROCEDURE TITLE: Safe Delivery of Newborns Law

CROSS REFERENCE: Adoption Code

APPROVED BY:

EFFECTIVE DATE:

DATE:

REVIEW DATE: Yearly

Policy: To provide guidelines for the care, safety and adoptive placement of surrendered newborns as established per Michigan Public Acts 488 of 2006, 232, 233, 234 and 235 of 2000. This legislation exempts the parent(s) surrendering a newborn, which is not a victim of child abuse and/or neglect, from the provisions of the Child Protection Law and provides legal protections for a parent(s) to surrender their infant in a safe and anonymous manner.

Definitions:

- A. Newborn:** A child who a physician reasonably believes to be not more than 72 hours old.
- B. Emergency Service Provider (ESP):** A uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department, hospital, or police station when that individual is inside the premises and on duty. ESP also includes a paramedic or an emergency medical technician (EMT) when either of those individuals is responding to a 9-1-1 emergency call.
- C. Surrender:** To leave a newborn with an emergency service provider without expressing an intent to return for the newborn.
- D. Preplacement Assessment:** An assessment of a prospective adoptive parent as described in section 23f of Chapter X.

Confidentiality

- A.** Court hearings are not public.
- B.** Agency records are confidential.
- C.** Any person who releases information without a court order or specific authorization is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Preparation Prior To A Surrender

- A.** Train staff who will be assigned to place a surrendered infant.
- B.** Contact local courts to determine required protocols for a surrendered infant.
- C.** Recruit and train prospective adoptive families.
 - 1. Must be willing to accept immediate placement of newborn or begin hospital visitation if newborn requires medical care.
 - 2. Must be willing to accept newborn with little or no background information.
 - 3. Understands that the parent(s) has 28 days to petition for custody of the child.
 - 4. Has an approved preplacement assessment.

Immediate Response Requirements

- A.** Assume the care, control, and temporary protective custody of the newborn from the referring hospital.
- B.** Interview parent(s) willing to meet with the adoption agency worker.
- C.** Contact law enforcement if the birth was **not** witnessed by ESP.
- D.** Identify prospective adoptive family.
- E.** Petition court for placement order.
- F.** Apply for a foundling birth registration for surrendered newborns **not** born in the hospital.
- G.** Complete and fax DHS Form 850, Safe Delivery Tracking Information.



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Procedural Checklist:

- Adoption agency receives a referral from a hospital that a newborn has been surrendered and the examining physician has determined that the newborn is no more than 72 hours old and has not been abused and/or neglected.
 - Immediately assume the care, control and temporary protective custody of the newborn.
 - If the parent(s) is known and willing, immediately meet with the parent(s).
 - Determine if the newborn is ready to be released from the hospital or will remain hospitalized for medical treatment.
 - Obtain the following from the hospital if available:
 - Voluntary Medical Background Form for a Surrendered Newborn (DHS Form 4819).
 - Voluntary Release for Adoption of a Surrendered Newborn by Parent (DHS Form 4820).
 - Additional information provided to or obtained from the parent(s) by the ESP.

NOTE: The parent(s) does not have to complete the Medical Background Form or the Voluntary Release. The parent(s) may remain completely anonymous.

- Immediately contact Michigan's Missing Children's Information Clearinghouse if the birth was **not** witnessed by an ESP to determine if the newborn was a victim of abduction.
 - The clearinghouse can be reached through the Michigan State Police (MSP) at 1-877-616-4677.

NOTE: MSP will make contact with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and other police agencies, if needed.

- Contact a prospective adoptive parent(s) who has an approved preplacement assessment and has agreed to accept a surrendered newborn.
 - Make a temporary placement with the prospective adoptive parent(s) and transfer physical custody.
 - Complete DHS Form 377, Statement Transferring Physical Custody of Surrendered Newborn.

NOTE: It is not appropriate to place the newborn in foster care at this point. If the agency does not have an adoptive parent(s) immediately available to accept the transfer of the newborn, the agency should contact an agency listed in the Adoption Directory found at the end of the Procedures Section for an immediate placement with a prospective adoptive family.

- File a petition in the Family Division of Circuit Court in the county where the prospective adoptive family resides within **48 hours** after transferring physical custody to a prospective adoptive parent(s) for the authority to place and provide care for the newborn.
 - The petition shall include:
 - The date of the transfer of physical custody.
 - The name and address of the ESP to whom the newborn was surrendered.
 - Any information, written or verbal, provided by and to the parent(s) who surrendered the newborn. (This information should be provided by the ESP who originally assumed temporary physical custody of the newborn.)

- Within **28 days** of the surrender make a reasonable effort to identify, locate and provide notice of the surrender of the newborn to the non-surrendering parent.
 - If the non-surrendering parent's identity and address are unknown, the agency must provide notice of the surrender of the newborn by publication in a newspaper of general circulation where the child was surrendered.

Note: See Sample Notice in Procedures Section, page 19.



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See Best Practices in Procedures Section, pages 12 and 13 for locating the non-surrendering parent.

- The agency must file a written report with the court describing the efforts made to identify and locate the non-surrendering parent and the results of those efforts.
- ❑ Complete birth registration within **five (5) days** of the surrender if the newborn was **not** born in the hospital.
 - Complete DCH Form 0481 for a foundling birth registration.
- NOTE:** Forms and procedures can be obtained from the Registration Unit, Office of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Michigan Department of Community Health.
 - If the newborn was delivered and surrendered at the hospital, **hospital staff** will follow hospital procedures for the birth registration.
- ❑ Complete Safe Delivery of Newborns Tracking Information, (DHS Form 850) and send or fax to Department of Human Services Adoption Program Office within five (5) working days of surrender.
 - DHS Form 850 must be submitted regardless of the disposition of the case.
 - DHS Form 850 can be downloaded from Safe Delivery Web site: www.michigan.gov/safedelivery.
 - DHS Adoption Program Fax number: 517-241-2555.
- ❑ Surrendering and/or non-surrendering parent files a **petition for custody with 28 days** of surrender or notice of surrender.
 - Court orders hearing to determine maternity and/or paternity.
 - If the birth was witnessed by an ESP and sufficient documentation exists, DNA testing is not required. Paternity testing is required in all cases.
 - Court may order petitioner to pay all or part of testing costs.
 - Results of DNA test establish maternity and/or paternity:
 - Court may issue an order granting legal and physical custody to the parent(s) and retain or relinquish jurisdiction.
 - Court may make a determination that the best interests of the child are not served by granting custody to the petitioner parent(s) and terminates parental rights and gives the adoption agency custody and care.
- ❑ Surrendering parent and non-surrendering parent **do not** file for custody within 28 days of the surrender or notice of the surrender:
 - The adoption agency shall file a petition with the court to determine whether the release will be accepted and an order terminating parental rights will be entered.
 - Court schedules a hearing:
 - The adoption agency prepares a report for the court hearing with the following information:
 - Evidence that demonstrates the surrendering parent released the newborn must be introduced.
 - Evidence of the agency's efforts that were made to locate and provide notice to the non-surrendering parent must be introduced.
 - Ask the court if a witness can participate by phone.
- ❑ If parental rights are terminated, proceed with adoption per Adoption Code.



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POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Surrendered newborn requires an extended hospitalization following the birth/surrender.

If a prospective adoptive family has been identified, immediately begin visiting with the infant while hospitalized.

Note: If a prospective adoptive family cannot be immediately identified, the agency must file a petition with the court not later than 48 hours after they have accepted temporary protective custody to provide authority to place the newborn and provide care.

The court may order placement with the agency while the infant requires medical care.

If the agency does not identify a family willing to pursue visitation/adoption of an infant with medical needs within 36 hours of the surrender, the agency must contact other adoption agencies listed in the Adoption Directory of this handbook for a prospective adoptive family.

Issues related to the Safe Delivery Law and the Indian Child Welfare Act.

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) states that a parent cannot give consent to the voluntary termination of parental rights prior to or within 10 days after the birth of an Indian child.

The emergency service provider (ESP) is mandated to accept an infant surrendered by a parent(s) under the Safe Delivery law.

The ESP is also mandated to make a reasonable attempt to encourage the parent(s) to provide any relevant family or medical information. DHS Form 4819, Voluntary Medical Background for a Surrendered Newborn, was developed for this purpose.

If the surrendering parent(s) chooses to remain completely anonymous, the ESP cannot make assumptions about the race or ethnicity of the surrendering parent(s). Any ESP observations should be documented on the DHS Form 4819.

The surrendering parent(s) may agree to complete or respond to some or all of the questions on the DHS Form 4819, Voluntary Medical Background, and affirm that she/he is affiliated with an American Indian Tribe.

The hospital who has accepted temporary protective custody of a surrendered newborn will contact an adoption agency and advise of the surrender and share any information provided by the surrendering parent(s).

The adoption agency will make a determination of how to proceed based on the information provided.

Surrendering Parent Available and Identified American Indian Tribal Affiliation on DHS Form 4819

1. Interview the parent(s) and make a determination if the parent(s) is willing to proceed with a regular adoption plan rather than proceeding under the Safe Delivery law.
2. Advise the parent that the identifying information they have provided must be shared with the tribe and the tribe is mandated to keep the shared information confidential.
3. The agency will complete the required forms to notify the tribe of the voluntary surrender. If the tribe verifies tribal membership or eligibility, the infant cannot be surrendered under Safe Delivery and the agency will proceed per ICWA policies.

Surrendering Parent **Not** Available but Identified American Indian Tribal affiliation on DHS Form 4819

1. Adoption agency worker provides any identifying information provided by the surrendering parent(s) to the identified Michigan Tribe and/or the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
2. Pending receipt of tribal notification, the worker should place the child with an approved prospective adoptive family.



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HOSPITAL LEGAL CLARIFICATIONS*

Hospital Policy Related to Minor Birth Parent(s):

Q. Is the hospital mandated to notify a minor parent's parents if the minor parent delivers at the hospital and chooses to surrender the newborn?

A. There is nothing in the Safe Delivery of Newborns law that requires notification to a parent if a minor parent surrenders a newborn to a hospital. The statute as a whole would seem to prohibit such notification.

Q. Can a minor parent consent to treatment when delivering a baby at the hospital?

A. If the minor in labor has the capacity to consent to treatment, the minor's parents are not the personal representative of such minor for that instance and parental consent is not necessary and informing the parent is in violation of HIPAA.

If the minor in labor does not have the capacity to consent, then their parent is deemed to be the personal representative and their consent would need to be obtained. If a parent cannot be reached prior to treatment due to an emergency condition, after-the-fact notification and consent would then be proper.

Hospital Obligations for Reporting Live Birth and Safe Delivery Surrendering Parent Confidentiality:

Q. When a surrendering parent(s) delivers a surrendered infant at the hospital and shares identifying information but requests that the information be treated as confidential, what are the hospital's obligations for completing the information required for the infant's birth certificate?

A. The hospital must report the name the mother gives at admission on the birth record per statutory requirements under the Public Health Code. If the mother decides to surrender under Safe Delivery, the law requires a hospital to maintain the mother's anonymity. Because the birth record is not a public record, there is no apparent conflict with the hospital's vital records obligations.

Note: In many counties hospitals have recognized the importance of keeping identifying information about the surrendering parent(s) confidential and will not record identifying information on the child's birth registration form. Agencies should discuss this option with hospitals at the time of surrender to determine local protocol on Safe Delivery confidentiality.

Q. What if the mother provides a false name upon admission?

A. The hospital has no legal obligation to verify the name given.

Q. In an emergency admission, with no time to obtain identifying information, is the hospital obligated to find out and report the mother's name?

A. If the mother presents to the ER and delivers shortly after arriving without providing admitting information and subsequently surrenders the infant, this would be considered a surrender situation and the hospital would assume temporary physical custody and would not have an obligation to find out and report the mother's name.

Releasing Information from Hospital Records:

Q. What information can be released from a surrendered child's birth record?

A. The hospital should release to the prospective adoptive parent(s) and/or child placing agency as much information as possible concerning the health and medical history of the child. Information that would identify the surrendering parent(s) would need to be redacted from any written materials given to the prospective adoptive family.

DNA Testing

Options For Payment:

1. The Department of Human Services and local prosecutors' offices have a contract with Orchid Cellmark to provide DNA testing for fathers.
2. Circuit Courts may find a parent to be indigent and cover the costs from the court's budget.

* Legal clarifications provided by MHA Corporate Council 2008 & 2009



SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS

SAMPLE NOTICE TO NON-SURRENDERING PARENT

While there is no specific language developed, the following are examples of public notifications relating to a surrendered newborn:

SAMPLE A

IN THE MATTER OF: BABY GIRL/BOY

TO: BIRTH FATHER/MOTHER OF BABY GIRL/BOY born on (date of birth) and surrendered at (name of ESP, address, county, and state)

TAKE NOTICE: When a newborn is surrendered it is the same as releasing your newborn to a child placing agency to be placed for adoption. You will have 28 days from the date of this notice to petition the Circuit Court Family Division for custody of your child. Your petition must be filed in the (name) County where the newborn is located or (name) County where the emergency service provider is located, or where you as a parent are located. After the 28 days end, there will be a hearing to terminate your parental rights. You will not receive notice of this hearing. You, as the parent, can call (first name of adoption worker) at (name of agency) at (phone number) for more information.

SAMPLE B

State of Michigan,

(Name of court) Circuit Court, Family Division

Publication Notice

Safe Delivery of Newborns (MCL 712.1)

To: Birth Father and Birth Mother of Said Minor Child In the Matter of: Newborn Baby, Born and surrendered on (list date, time, hospital or other ESP site, city & state), Take Notice: by surrendering your newborn, you are releasing your newborn to a child placing agency to be placed for adoption. The surrendering parent has 28 days from the date of surrender (list date) and the non-surrendering parent has 28 days from this notice to petition the court to regain custody of your child. After the 28 days there will be a hearing to terminate your parental rights. There will be a public notice of this hearing; however, the notice will not contain your names. You will not receive personal notice of the court hearing. You, as the parent(s), can call (list agency with phone number and, if required, the court's information) for further information.



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MICHIGAN PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES THAT WILL PROVIDE PLACEMENT FOR A SURRENDERED NEWBORN IN AN APPROVED ADOPTIVE HOME.

The original list was compiled from a survey conducted in 2005 requesting information on agencies willing to place a newborn surrendered under Public Act 232 of 2000, Safe Delivery of Newborns, and effective January 1, 2001.

This list is organized alphabetically by Michigan counties where the private, nonprofit licensed adoption agencies are located and also lists the name and phone number of agencies that serve multiple counties. Several agencies serve the entire state and are alphabetically listed under "Serves Statewide" in addition to their main office locations.

Future updates will be posted on the Website www.michigan.gov/safedelivery.

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Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw (*Serves Counties within 60 miles of Washtenaw)

4925 Packard Road
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(734) 971-9781

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Catholic Charities of Macomb

15945 Canal Road
Clinton Township 48038
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1338 Baldwin
Jenison 49428
(616) 667-0677
(800) 677-2367

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12048 James St.
Holland 49424
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SAGINAW

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Adoption Associates- Saginaw Office

4901 Towne Center
Saginaw 48604
(989) 497-5437

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Homes for Black Children

511 E. Larned St.
Detroit 48226
(313) 961-2994

Keane Center for Adoption

930 Mason
Dearborn 48124
(313) 277-4664

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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TRACKING INFORMATION (DHS FORM 850)

SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS TRACKING INFORMATION

Michigan Department of Human Services

CIRCUMSTANCES OF SURRENDER

Date of Surrender	City Where Surrendered	County Where Surrendered
Surrendered to: <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Police <input type="checkbox"/> Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic		
Name and Address of ESP above		
Newborn Transported to Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Newborn Delivered at Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Name of Private Agency Contacted		
Address of Agency	Telephone	
Contact Person		

CHILD INFORMATION

Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth	Race
Health Status		

PARENT INFORMATION

Mother Identified <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Mother's Date of Birth/Age	Medical History Provided <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Signed Release <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Father Identified <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Father's Date of Birth/Age	Medical History Provided <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Signed Release <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

LEGAL

County of Family Court Petition Filed In	Date
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Send to: DHS Permanency Division
P.O. Box 30037, Suite 415
Lansing, MI 48909

Attn: Safe Delivery Coordinator
FAX: 517-241-2555
Phone: 517-241-9865 or 517-335-6421

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MEDICAL BACKGROUND (DHS FORM 4819)

CONFIDENTIAL
VOLUNTARY MEDICAL BACKGROUND FORM FOR A SURRENDERED NEWBORN
 Michigan Department of Human Services

Preference for Child's Name	Date of Birth
Where was the child born?	Sex

SURRENDERING PARENT BACKGROUND (Optional)

Name	Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> D	Date of Birth	Phone Number
Address			
Race	Affiliated with American Indian Tribe <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Identify Tribe	
Height	Weight	Hair Color	Eye Color
Any Family History of:	Yes No	Yes No	
Sickle Cell Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ▶ If Yes Type _____
Heart Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Genetic Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ▶ If Yes Type _____
Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Family History of Mental Illness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ▶ If Yes Explain _____
HIV	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Drug Usage	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ▶ If Yes Explain _____
Hepatitis	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol Usage	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ▶ If Yes Explain _____
Other _____			
Surgical History			

OTHER PARENT BACKGROUND (Optional)

Name	Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> D	Date of Birth	Phone Number
Address			
Race	Affiliated with American Indian Tribe <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Identify Tribe	
Height	Weight	Hair Color	Eye Color
Any Family History of:	Yes No	Yes No	
Sickle Cell Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ▶ If Yes Type _____
Heart Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Genetic Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ▶ If Yes Type _____
Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Family History of Mental Illness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ▶ If Yes Explain _____
HIV	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Drug Usage	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ▶ If Yes Explain _____
Hepatitis	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol Usage	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ▶ If Yes Explain _____
Other _____			
Surgical History			

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PREGNANCY

Length of Pregnancy	Weight Gain Lbs.	Drug or Alcohol Use During Pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, If yes, Explain
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EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER OBSERVATIONS

Comments			
ESP Signature		Date	Phone Number
Address:	City	State	Zip Code



MEDICAL BACKGROUND (DHS FORM 4819)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

PURPOSE OF FORM:

The emergency service provider (ESP) is encouraged to obtain the child's family medical history with the understanding that the surrendering parent may still remain anonymous. Completion of the family medical history **is very important** for the current and future health needs of the child.

The emergency service provider should assist the surrendering parent by reading and recording information provided by the surrendering parent about the maternal and paternal family medical history.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD:

- Ask the surrendering parent if there is a preferred name for the child. If not, record Baby Boy/Girl Doe.
- Enter the child's date of birth.
- Identify the city and state where the child was born. Describe the place of birth: house, motel, etc.
- Sex of child.

PARENT INFORMATION:

- The name, date of birth, phone number and address of the surrendering or non-surrendering parent is **not** required.
- The parent should be encouraged to identify as much medical information as is known and provide details where requested.
- The parent profile information of race, height, weight, hair color and eye color is information that the child may want at a future date and should be obtained if the parent is willing to disclose.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PREGNANCY:

- Encourage the surrendering parent to provide this minimal information about the pregnancy.

EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER OBSERVATIONS:

- Record information observed or discussed with the surrendering parent.
- Sign and date.
- Provide address and phone number.

FORM DISTRIBUTION:

- Original is given to the child-placing agency for adoption planning.
- The ESP should copy and retain per agency protocols.

AUTHORITY: State P.A. 232 of 2000
RESPONSE: Voluntary
PENALTY: None

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VOLUNTARY RELEASE (DHS FORM 4820)

VOLUNTARY RELEASE FOR ADOPTION OF A SURRENDERED NEWBORN BY PARENT Michigan Department of Human Services

In the matter of _____, a newborn child.

1. I, _____, DOB ____ / ____ / ____ am the mother father
of the above child, who was born on ____ / ____ / ____ at _____
(place)

2. I understand that I have parental rights to this child and that by signing this release, I voluntarily release all of my parental rights to my child. (Subject to number three below.)

3. I understand that I have 28 days after surrendering my newborn child to petition the court to reclaim custody of my child.

4. I understand that I will not receive notice of any hearings.

5. Understanding the above provisions, I release completely and permanently my parental rights to my child, and release my child to a child placing agency for the purpose of adoption.

6. I acknowledge receipt of the following:

____ FACT Sheet (Pub 867)

Date ____ / ____ / ____ Parent Signature _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Witnessed by _____
Name (type or print)

on _____, at _____
Date Agency and Address

Signature

IF A NOTARY IS AVAILABLE: Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me on _____,
Date County and State

My commission expires: _____ Signature: _____
Date

Name (type or print)

AUTHORITY: State P.A. 232 of 2000
RESPONSE: Voluntary
PENALTY: None

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TRANSFER OF CUSTODY (DHS FORM 377)

STATEMENT TRANSFERRING PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF SURRENDERED NEWBORN Michigan Department of Human Services

In the matter of the surrendered newborn, DOB: _____ surrendered
to _____
Identify ESP.

1. I am a representative of the child placing agency and make this statement on behalf of the agency.
2. The agency is making a temporary placement of the child in a prospective adoptive home as authorized by the Safe Delivery of Newborns law (MCL 712.7(c)).
3. On _____
Date
prospective adoptive parent(s) _____ who
Names(s)
reside(s) in _____ County at _____
Street address City Zip
4. The parent(s) having legal custody of the child retain full parental rights to the child. This temporary placement may be revoked by the surrendering or non-surrendering parent filing a petition in court requesting custody.
5. The agency has prepared or reviewed the preplacement assessment of the prospective adoptive parent(s) that was completed or updated less than a year from the date of temporary placement and states that the prospective adoptive parent(s) are suitable to be adoptive parent(s).

Signature of agency representative Date

Print Agency representative name

Name of agency

Agency address & phone number

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TRANSFER OF CUSTODY (DHS FORM 377)

STATEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENT(S):

1. Physical custody of the child was transferred to me on _____ .
Date
2. I am a prospective adoptive parent and a resident of Michigan. I will reside with the child in Michigan until a change of residence is approved by the court after formal placement occurs.
3. The temporary placement will not become formal until the court terminates parental rights and gives the child placing agency custody and care of the newborn.
4. I understand the parent(s) have 28 days from date of surrender or notice of surrender to petition the court to regain custody.
5. I understand if the court enters an order directing return of the child, I must return physical custody of the child to the child placing agency.

I declare that this statement has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Date

Signature of prospective adoptive parent

Signature of witness

Name of prospective adoptive parent (print)

Name of witness (print)

Signature of prospective adoptive parent

Name of prospective adoptive parent (print)

Address

City, state and zip



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Approved, SCAO

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY	PETITION FOR PLACEMENT ORDER OF SURRENDERED NEWBORN CHILD	CASE NO.
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In the matter of _____, a surrendered newborn child
Full name of child

1. I am an employee of _____, a child placing agency that assumed
Name of agency
 temporary protective custody of the above named newborn child on _____.
Date

2. The newborn child is believed to have been born on _____ at _____
Date of birth Location of birth

3. Mother of newborn is: _____ Date of birth: _____
Name

Street address, city, state, zip and county

Father of newborn is: _____ Date of birth: _____
Name

Street address, city, state, zip and county

4. On _____ petitioner temporarily placed the newborn with prospective adoptive parent(s),
Date

_____ residing at _____
Name(s) Address

within this county. Their preplacement assessment has been approved by the agency.

5. a. The emergency service provider gave information (as required by MCL 712.3) to the parent surrendering the newborn.
 The information was written (attached). verbal and is as follows: _____

b. The parent surrendering the newborn gave the emergency service provider information. The information was
 written (attached). verbal and is as follows: _____

c. Neither the emergency service provider or the parent surrendering the newborn exchanged written or verbal information
 because: _____

(SEE OTHER SIDE)

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I REQUEST the court to authorize the:

6. Placement of the child with the prospective adoptive parent(s).
7. Child placing agency and prospective adoptive parent(s) to provide care for the newborn.
8. Prospective adoptive parent(s) to consent to all medical, surgical, dental, optical, psychological, educational, and related services while having custody of the newborn.

I declare that this petition has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

_____	_____	Date	_____
Attorney signature	_____	Signature of petitioner	_____
_____	_____	Name (type or print)	_____
Attorney name (type or print)	Bar no.	Address	_____
_____	_____	City, state, zip	_____
Address	_____	Telephone no.	_____
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City, state, zip	Telephone no.	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



COURT FORM (CCFD 02)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY	ORDER PLACING SURRENDERED NEWBORN WITH PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS	FILE NO.
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In the matter of _____, a surrendered newborn child
Full name of child

1. Date of hearing: _____ Judge: _____ Bar no. _____

2. A petition requesting an order for authority to place the child with prospective adoptive parent(s) has been filed by _____, a child-placing agency.
Name of agency

3. The child was born on _____ and was surrendered to an emergency service provider on _____
Date

4. **THE COURT FINDS** that an order to place the child and to provide care for the child is necessary.

IT IS ORDERED:

5. The child-placing agency is authorized to place the child with the prospective adoptive parents, _____
Name(s)
 _____, residing at _____
Address

City, state, zip

6. The child-placing agency and the prospective adoptive parent(s) shall provide care for the child and each is authorized to consent to all medical, surgical, dental, optical, psychological, educational, and related services.

7. The child-placing agency shall supervise the child in the home of the prospective adoptive parent(s) and shall report to the court as directed. The child shall not be removed from the home without court order and shall not be removed from the State of Michigan.

Date _____
Judge

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COURT FORM (CCFD 03)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY	PETITION OF PARENT FOR CUSTODY OF SURRENDERED NEWBORN CHILD	CASE NO.
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In the matter of _____, a surrendered newborn child
Full name of child

1. I am the mother father of the above named newborn child born on _____ at
Date of birth

Location of birth

2. The newborn was surrendered to _____, an emergency services provider
Name of emergency services provider (indicate if unknown)

located at _____
Street address, city, and county of emergency services provider

The surrender was made by the mother father on _____, less than 28 days from filing this petition.
Date

3. The newborn is located in _____ County, Michigan.

I do not know where the child is presently located.

4. Mother of newborn: _____ Date of birth: _____
Name

Street address, city, state, zip and county

Father of newborn: _____ Date of birth: _____
Name

Street address, city, state, zip and county

5. I wish to revoke surrender of my child and release of parental rights, if any.

I REQUEST:

6. That I be given custody of the child and that blood or tissue typing be ordered upon filing of this petition.

7. Other:

I declare that this petition has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Date

Signature of petitioner

Signature of petitioner

Name (type or print)

Bar no.

Name (type or print)

Address

Address

City, state, zip

Telephone no.

City, state, zip

Telephone no.

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COURT FORM (CCFD 04)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION
COUNTY

**ORDER FOR BLOOD OR TISSUE TYPING
OR DNA PROFILE
(SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORN ACT)**

FILE NO.

In the matter of _____, a surrendered newborn child
Full name of child

1. Date of hearing: _____ Judge: _____ Bar no. _____

2. Alleged parent(s), _____,
Name(s) of petitioner(s)
filed a petition for custody of the surrendered newborn child. Testing to determine whether the individual(s) is/are the biological parent(s) is required before the hearing on the petition.

THE COURT FINDS:

- 3. The newborn child was surrendered to an emergency service provider and a petition for custody of the child was filed within 28 days after the surrender.
- 4. The petitioner claims to be the biological mother father of the surrendered newborn child.
- 5. The petitioner is indigent and unable to pay for the cost of testing.

IT IS ORDERED:

6. The petitioner(s), _____,
Name(s) of petitioner(s)
and the surrendered newborn child shall have a blood or tissue typing or DNA profile conducted to determine whether he/she is likely to be or is not the biological parent of the child.

7. The petitioner(s) and the child shall appear at the location designated and on the date and time set as notified by the child-placing agency, _____.
Name(s) of agency(ies)

8. Payment for the tests must be made as follows: Payment for the tests was waived because of indigency.

- 9. In accordance with MCL 722.716, the blood or tissue typing or DNA-identification profiling shall be conducted by a person accredited for paternity or maternity determination by a nationally recognized scientific organization, including, but not limited to, the American Association of Blood Banks, and a report of the results shall be submitted to the child-placing agency.
- 10. The result of blood or tissue typing or DNA-identification profiling and the summary report shall be filed with the court and served by the child-placing agency on the individuals.
- 11. At the time of serving the results and summary upon the alleged parent(s), the child-placing agency shall also serve written notice that objection to the DNA-identification profiling or the summary report is waived unless specific objections are made in writing within 14 calendar days after service of the notice and delivered to the court at the address specified in the notice.
- 12. Refusal or failure to submit to the typing or DNA-identification profiling may result in a dismissal of the custody action in addition to other remedies available to the court.

Date

Judge

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MCL 712.11, MCL 712.12, MCL 722.716

CCFD 04 (9/07) ORDER FOR BLOOD OR TISSUE TYPING OR DNA PROFILE (SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORN ACT)



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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION
COUNTY

**ORDER DETERMINING
MATERNITY/PATERNITY
OF SURRENDERED NEWBORN CHILD**

FILE NO.

In the matter of _____, a surrendered newborn child
Full name of child

1. Date of hearing: _____ Judge: _____ Bar no.

2. A petition for custody of the surrendered newborn child was filed. The required testing for maternity and/or paternity has been completed and the results were served on the parent(s) and filed with the court.

THE COURT FINDS:

3. Notice of hearing was given to or waived by all interested parties.

4. a. The result of the maternity testing is is not admissible.

b. The result of the paternity testing is is not admissible.

5. a. The petitioner, _____, is is not the biological mother of the
Name surrendered newborn child.

b. The petitioner, _____, is is not the biological father of the
Name surrendered newborn child.

IT IS ORDERED:

6. The petition for change of custody is dismissed.

7. A hearing on the petition for change of custody shall be held on _____ at _____
Date before Hon. _____
Time and location

Date

Judge

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CCFD 04a (9/07) **ORDER DETERMINING MATERNITY/PATERNITY OF SURRENDERED NEWBORN CHILD**

MCL 712.10(3),
MCL 712.11(5)



COURT FORM (CCFD 05)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY	MOTION OBJECTING TO DNA IDENTIFICATION PROFILE OR BLOOD / TISSUE TYPING SUMMARY REPORT	FILE NO.
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In the matter of _____, a surrendered newborn child
Full name of child

1. On _____, I received a DNA identification profile or summary report regarding my parentage
Date
 of the above named newborn child.

2. My specific objections to the DNA identification profiling and or the summary report are:

- Foundation testimony is needed for admission of the DNA identification profile or summary report because:
- Other proof of authenticity or accuracy is needed for admission of the DNA identification profile or summary report because:
(specify reasons)

3. **I REQUEST** the court to conduct a hearing to determine the admissibility of the DNA identification profile or summary report.

I declare that this motion has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

_____ Attorney signature	_____ Date	_____ Signature of petitioner
_____ Attorney name (type or print)	_____ Bar no.	_____ Name (type or print)
_____ Address	_____ Address	_____ Address
_____ City, state, zip	_____ Telephone no.	_____ City, state, zip
_____ Telephone no.	_____ Telephone no.	_____ Telephone no.

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COURT FORM (CCFD 06)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY	ORDER DETERMINING CUSTODY OF SURRENDERED NEWBORN CHILD	FILE NO.
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In the matter of _____, a surrendered newborn child
Full name of child

1. Date of hearing: _____ Judge: _____ Bar no. _____

2. A petition for custody of the surrendered newborn child was filed. The required testing for maternity and/or paternity has been completed and the results were served on the parent(s) and filed with the court.
3. Findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding the best interests of the newborn child as set forth in MCL 712.14 were made on the record.

THE COURT FINDS:

4. Notice of hearing was given to or waived by all interested parties.
5. The result of the maternity paternity test is 99% or higher, and the summary report is admissible.
6. The petitioner, _____, is is not the biological mother of the surrendered newborn child.
7. The petitioner, _____, is is not the biological father of the surrendered newborn child.
8. a. Custody of the surrendered newborn child should should not be given to the mother.
 b. Custody of the surrendered newborn child should should not be given to the father.
9. It is in the best interests of the surrendered newborn child to transfer custody as follows: _____

IT IS ORDERED:

10. The petition for change of custody is dismissed/denied.
11. The petition for change of custody is granted and _____, the
Name(s)
 _____ shall have legal physical custody of the newborn child. Custody shall be
mother or father or both
 transferred from the child-placing agency prospective adoptive parent(s) as follows:

Court jurisdiction shall continue until _____ . is relinquished.
Date

12. The parental rights of _____ are terminated.
Name(s) of parent(s)
- Custody and care of the newborn child is granted to _____, a
 child-placing agency. The prior court order dated _____ that authorizes placement of
 the surrendered newborn child with the prospective adoptive parent(s) is continued.

Date _____
Judge

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COURT FORM (CCFD 07)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION
COUNTY

**PETITION TO ACCEPT RELEASE AND
TERMINATE RIGHTS TO
SURRENDERED NEWBORN CHILD**

CASE NO.

In the matter of _____, a surrendered newborn child
Full name of child

1. I am an employee of _____, a child-placing agency that assumed
Name of agency
temporary protective custody of the surrendered newborn child on _____.
Date

2. The surrendering parent, _____, has knowingly released the newborn.
Name
Evidence demonstrating this release is attached.

3. a. The nonsurrendering parent, _____, has been identified and located
Name
and provided with notice of the surrender of the newborn as follows: (Specify the address or location of the nonsurrendering parent and show proof of the notice provided.)

b. The nonsurrendering parent has not been identified or located. The following efforts were made to identify, locate, and provide notice to the nonsurrendering parent of the surrender of the newborn: (Specify the efforts made.)

4. The surrendering parent nonsurrendering parent has not filed a petition for custody of the newborn within the required 28 days following notice of the surrender of the newborn.

5. **I REQUEST** the court to accept the release of the surrendering parent and to enter an order terminating the rights of the
 surrendering parent. nonsurrendering parent.

I declare that this petition has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

	<small>Date</small>
<small>Attorney signature</small>	<small>Signature of petitioner</small>
<small>Attorney name (type or print)</small>	<small>Name (type or print)</small>
<small>Bar no.</small>	<small>Address</small>
<small>Address</small>	<small>Address</small>
<small>City, state, zip</small>	<small>Telephone no.</small>
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COURT FORM (CCFD 08)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION
COUNTY

**ORDER AFTER HEARING ON PETITION TO
ACCEPT RELEASE AND TERMINATE RIGHTS
TO SURRENDERED NEWBORN CHILD**

CASE NO.

In the matter of _____, a surrendered newborn child
Full name of child

1. Date of hearing: _____ Judge: _____ Bar no.

2. A petition requesting an order to accept the release of the surrendering parent and terminating the parental rights of both the
surrendering and nonsurrendering parents has been filed by _____,
a child-placing agency. Name of agency

THE COURT FINDS by a preponderance of the evidence that:

3. The surrendering parent, _____, has has not knowingly released
the newborn. Name

4. a. The nonsurrendering parent, _____, has been identified and located and provided
Name
with notice of the surrender of the newborn.

b. The nonsurrendering parent has not been identified or located, and the child-placing agency has made reasonable efforts
to provide notice of the surrender of the newborn.

5. The surrendering parent nonsurrendering parent has not filed a petition for custody of the newborn within
the required 28 days following notice of the surrender of the newborn.

IT IS ORDERED:

6. The release of the surrendering parent is is not accepted.

7. The parental rights of the surrendering parent nonsurrendering parent are terminated. Custody and
care of the surrendered newborn child is granted to _____, a
child-placing agency. The prior court order dated _____ that authorizes placement of
the surrendered newborn child with the prospective adoptive parent(s) is continued.

8. The petition is denied.

9. Other:

Date

Judge

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CCFD 08 (9/07) **ORDER AFTER HEARING ON PETITION TO ACCEPT RELEASE AND TERMINATE RIGHTS TO
SURRENDERED NEWBORN CHILD**

MCL 712.17



PUBLIC AWARENESS



PUBLICATIONS AND FORMS AT-A-GLANCE

ESP GIVES PUBLICATIONS TO PARENT(S):



Pub 867
Fact Sheet



Pub 867 SP
Fact Sheet Spanish



Pub 864* (Optional)
"What Am I Going to Do?"
Tri-fold Brochure

ESP MAKES A REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO HAVE FORMS 4819 AND 4820 COMPLETED BY THE PARENT(S). NOTE: PARENT(S) DOES NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE.

Form 4819*
Medical Background

Form 4820*
Voluntary Release

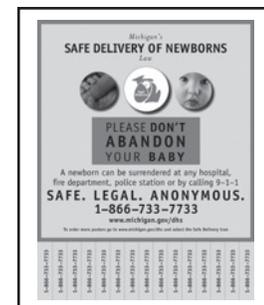
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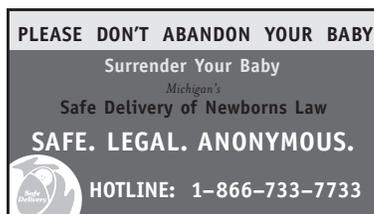
Pub 864* (Optional)
"What Am I Going to Do?"
Tri-fold Brochure



Pub 875
Size of Poster 18 x 24
Large Poster



Tear-off
number posters
English or Spanish



Wallet Card



Emergy Board

* Spanish version available on Web site



WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? (DHS PUB 864)

SAFE DELIVERY

Surrendering Parent Rights

By surrendering your newborn, you are releasing your newborn to a child placing agency to be placed for adoption.

You have 28 days after surrendering your newborn to petition the court to regain custody.

After the 28 days end there will be a hearing to terminate your parental rights.

There will be a public notice of this hearing; however, the notice will not contain your name.

You will NOT receive personal notice of the hearing.

Any information you are willing to provide to an Emergency Service Provider will NOT be made public.

For more information on safe delivery call the hotline at: 1-866-733-7733

The card below is detachable.
Please keep it with you or pass it along to someone you think it may help...

A newborn can be surrendered inside any hospital, fire department, police station or by calling 9-1-1.

SAFE. LEGAL. ANONYMOUS.
HOTLINE: 1-866-733-7733

www.michigan.gov/dhs
Select the Safe Delivery icon

Did you know?

**you can...
surrender
your baby
at a
SAFE PLACE**

- ✓ hospital
- ✓ fire department
- ✓ police station
- ✓ by calling 9-1-1

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Cost: \$5,929.55 (12 ea.) • Quantity: 50,000 • Authority: DHS Director
State of Michigan • Department of Human Services
DHS-Pub-864 (Rev. 12-12)

Please don't abandon your baby!

Surrender Your Baby

Michigan's
Safe Delivery of Newborns Law

**HOTLINE:
1-866-733-7733**

What am I going to do?

Young and Scared?

You may be a teen or a young adult who is not ready emotionally or financially to be a parent. Maybe you have been able to keep your pregnancy a secret. But now what? You have a choice to take your newborn to a safe place.

What is a Safe Place?

If your baby is three days old or less, it is not a crime to surrender your newborn to an employee of a hospital, fire department, or a police station. You may also call 9-1-1.

No One Needs to Know...

You can leave without giving your name. It would help the baby if you have some basic health information. However, you do not have to answer any questions. It is YOUR choice.

Surrender Your Baby

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What Happens to Your Baby?

If your baby needs medical attention, he or she will receive it. The professional staff person who accepts the baby will contact an adoption agency. Social workers will place the baby with a pre-adoptive family. There are many families who want to adopt. The plan is to make sure your baby has a good home where he or she can grow up healthy and happy.

It's Your Choice...

Maybe you made a mistake. But you can make a good choice now. You can choose a safe place for your newborn. It is a decision that will help you and your baby. Your baby can have a family.

Michigan's
Safe Delivery of Newborns Law

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LOOK FOR THIS SIGN!

PLEASE DON'T ABANDON YOUR BABY

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HOTLINE: 1-866-733-7733



PROGRAM FACT SHEET (DHS PUB 867)

FRONT

Michigan's
Safe Delivery of Newborns Law
FACT Sheet
SAFE. LEGAL. ANONYMOUS.

Background:

Michigan lawmakers passed the Safe Delivery of Newborns law to end the tragedy of unwanted newborns being hidden and left to die in unsafe places. Over 100 newborns were surrendered in the first ten years the law was in effect with the majority of these infants adopted by loving families.

What the law provides?

- Unharmful newborns, up to 72 hours old, can be taken to an **Emergency Service Provider (ESP)**, meaning, a uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department, hospital or police stations that is inside the building and on duty. ESP includes a paramedic or EMT when either responds to a 9-1-1 call. The parent(s) has the choice to leave the infant without giving any identifying information to the **ESP**.
- The **ESP** is authorized to accept the infant and provide whatever care may be necessary.
- The **ESP** will make a reasonable effort to provide the parent(s) with the following information:
 1. A written statement of the parent's rights following surrender of the infant.
 2. Information about other confidential infant placement options, as well as information about the availability of confidential medical and counseling services, e.g., Public Health, Community Mental Health, Family Planning Clinics, Adoptions Agencies.

What are the rights of the surrendering parent?

- To be informed that by surrendering the newborn, the parent is releasing the newborn to a child placing agency to be placed for adoption.
- To petition the court to regain custody of the newborn within 28 days of surrender or notice of surrender.
- Any information the parent(s) provides the **ESP** will **not** be made public.
- A criminal investigation shall not be initiated solely on the basis of a newborn being surrendered to an **ESP**.
- To file a consent to release identifying information with the Adoption Central Registry.



BACK

What happens to the baby?

- After the child's medical status is assessed and any urgent medical needs are met, the newborn is placed under the temporary custody of the court in an approved preadoptive family.
- After the 28-day period for the parent(s) to petition the court for custody elapses, there will be a public hearing to terminate parental rights.
- There will be a public notice of this hearing, and thenote will not contain the parent's name, even if known.
- The parent will not receive personal notice of this hearing, even if the parent(s) has provided a name and address to the **ESP**.
- The infant will be placed for adoption as soon as parental rights have been legally terminated.

Can the parent provide background information?

Yes! Definitely, yes. The **ESP** will make a reasonable attempt to offer the parent(s) the opportunity to:

1. Identify herself/himself and the other parent.
2. Provide information about prenatal care.
3. Provide the family medical history and any history of parental substance abuse.
4. To sign a release of parental rights.
5. Receive information about confidential medical care she may be in need of herself.

For more information call:
Toll Free: 1-866-733-7733

Cost: \$1,908.01 (\$.04 ea.)
Quantity: 50,000
Authority: DHS Director



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FRONT

La Ley de
ENTREGA SEGURA DE RECIÉN NACIDOS
de Michigan

(FACT Sheet)

SEGURO. LEGAL. ANÓNIMO.

¿Cuál es el propósito de esta ley?

Para terminar la tragedia de recién nacidos no deseados escondidos y dejados a morir en basureros y otros lugares, los legisladores de Michigan han pasado una ley que hace legal que un padre entregue su infante en una manera segura y anonima.

¿Qué proporciona esta ley?

- Recién nacidos sanos de hasta 72 horas de nacido, pueden ser llevados a un **Proveedor de Servicio de Emergencia (ESP)**, es decir, un empleado uniformado o de otra forma identificado de un departamento de incendios, hospital, o estación de policía que está dentro del edificio y en turno. El padre tiene la elección de dejar el infante sin dar información de identificación al **ESP**.
- El **ESP** está autorizado para aceptar al infante y proveerle cualquier cuidado que sea necesario.
- El **ESP** hará el esfuerzo razonable para proveer al padre con la siguiente información:
 1. Una declaración después de entregar al infante.
 2. Información acerca de las opciones confidenciales de la colocación del infante, así como información sobre la disponibilidad de servicios médicos y de consejería, por ejemplo.

¿Cuáles son los derechos de los padres renunciantes?

- Los padres renunciantes tienen el derecho de ser informados de que al entregar el recién nacido, el padre está dejándolo en una agencia de colocación para ser puesto en adopción.
- El padre tiene 28 días para pedir a la corte recuperar la custodia del recién nacido.
- Cualquier información que los padres provean al **ESP** no será hecha pública.
- Una investigación criminal no será iniciada solamente basándose en que el recién nacido ha sido entregado al **ESP**.



BACK

¿Qué le sucede al bebé?

- Después que el estado médico del niño es evaluado y cualquier necesidad de urgencia médica sea cumplida, el recién nacido es colocado bajo la custodia temporal de la corte en una familia preadoptiva aprobada.
- Después de transcurra el período de 28 días de la petición del padre a la corte por la custodia, habrá una audiencia pública para terminar los derechos de los padres.
- Habrá un aviso público de la audiencia y el aviso no contendrá el nombre de los padres aún siendo conocidos.
- El padre no recibirá aviso personal de la audiencia, aún si el padre ha provisto el nombre y dirección del **ESP**.
- El infante será colocado en adopción tan pronto como los derechos del padre hayan sido legalmente terminados.

¿Puede el padre proveer información de antecedentes?

¡Sí! Definitivamente sí. El **ESP** hará un intento razonable para ofrecer al padre la oportunidad de:

1. Identificarse a sí mismo(a) y el otro padre.
2. Proveer información sobre cuidado prenatal.
3. Proveer la historia médica familiar y cualquier historia de abuso de sustancias por los padres.
4. Firmar la renuncia de los derechos paternales.
5. Recibir información sobre cuidado médico confidencial que el/ella pueda necesitar.

¿Esta ley contribuye a la irresponsabilidad de los padres?

No hay evidencia de otros estados que la presencia de tales leyes contribuyan al abandono.

El propósito de esta ley es reducir la trágica pérdida de una vida cuándo los padres del recién nacido reaccionan

**Para más información llame:
 Teléfono Gratis: 1-866-733-7733**



Cost: 0
 Quantity: 0
 Authority:
 DHS Director



Note: Revised version can be found at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery



PUBLICATIONS



Publications from the Michigan Department of Human Services On Safe Delivery of Newborns Law

The Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) has a number of publications and forms on the Safe Delivery of Newborns law. Lists of publications and forms that address subsections of the law are included below. For a complete list of resources available from DHS, or to download publications, go to www.michigan.gov/safedelivery.

Publications and forms can be downloaded and copied from the internet or can be ordered free of charge by calling the Office Services Division at 517-373-7837, or faxing this order form to 517-335-4017.

		Document Name and Description	Quantity
Safe Delivery	Pub 864	What am I going to do? Brochure written for teens and young adults about Safe Delivery.	
	Pub 867	Safe Delivery Program FACT Sheet Fact sheet that describes the intent of the legislation.	
	Pub 867-SP	Programa de Entrega Segura Hoja de Hechos Un Folleto de Programa, describe la intención de la Entrega Segura de la Ley de Recién Nacidos.	
	Pub 875	Safe Delivery Poster Large (18" x 24") poster with toll free number.	
	Form 4819	Voluntary Medical Background Form Form for a surrendered newborn is not mandated, and is a voluntary form completed by the parent(s) or emergency services provider. The provision of this information about the medical background, would assist with the newborn's care. (Download available at web site).	Download Website Only
	Form 4820	Voluntary Release for Adoption Written affirmation that the surrendering parent(s) voluntarily released their parental rights to their newborn child. (Download available at web site).	Download Website Only
	Form 377	Statement Transferring Physical Custody of Surrendered Newborn Form for the adoption agency to transfer physical custody of the surrendered newborn to a prospective adoptive family. (Download available at web site).	Download Website Only
	Form 850	Safe Delivery of Newborns Tracking Information Form for child placing agencies to complete within 5 working days of accepting a surrendered newborn,	Download Website Only
Adoption	Pub 823	Adopting a Child in Michigan Booklet that provides an overview of Michigan's adoption law, describes the types of adoptions available, the role of the court and other helpful information.	
	Pub 255	Adoption Program Statement Brochure that addresses the concentrated effort of the state agency to find homes for permanent state and court wards.	

NOTE: Pub 864SP, Forms 4819SP, and 4820SP are available in PDF format on the Web site.

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____



NEWS MEDIA POLICY

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SAFE DELIVERY NEWS MEDIA POLICY

It is recommended that all adoption agencies who have agreed to place a surrendered newborn develop a policy for handling news media inquiries about a surrendered newborn. The Safe Delivery of Newborns law provides the surrendering parent(s) anonymity or assurances of confidentiality should the surrendering parent(s) volunteer to share identifying information.

Suggested guidelines include:

- Identify one representative to handle all Safe Delivery inquiries.
- The surrender may be confirmed but no additional information should be provided.
- Under no circumstances will the names or identifying information be released to the news media.
- No interviews with the parent(s) should be permitted.
- No photos of the parent(s) or newborn should be permitted.
- Assist the news media in the development of a positive human-interest story.

Recommendations:

The news media can play an important role in educating the public about the Safe Delivery of Newborns law. Stories about infant abandonment can inform readers and viewers about safe choices and safe places for parent(s) who are likely to consider abandonment as the only alternative. News media stories about infant abandonment may be newsworthy and need to be covered, but they also provide an excellent opportunity to educate the public about safe alternatives that include adoption and safe delivery.

The recommended angle for the news media is to report on a surrendered newborn at a Safe Delivery site rather than focusing only on infant abandonment. Other topics can include pregnancy counseling, the importance of prenatal care and adoption alternatives that include knowing and being involved with the adoptive family.

Stories to consider:

- Number of surrenders since January 2001 can be found at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery
- Adoption alternatives.
- Signs of a hidden pregnancy.
- Actions that can be taken when you suspect a pregnancy.



MEDIA QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Why was the Safe Delivery legislation necessary?

In 2000, there was an increase in the number of newborns who were abandoned in public places or left to die in unsafe places such as trash receptacles. In response to these tragic events Michigan lawmakers passed the Safe Delivery of Newborns law effective on January 1, 2001 providing legal protections for the parent(s) to surrender their newborn in a safe and anonymous manner. The focus of the law is to first educate the parent(s) that there are safe choices, and secondly, to protect a newborn from harm and possible death.

2. What does the law provide?

Unharmful newborns up to 72 hours old can be taken to an emergency service provider (ESP), meaning a uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department, hospital, or police station that is inside the building and on duty. ESP also includes a paramedic or an emergency medical technician (EMT) when either of those individuals is responding to a 9-1-1 emergency call. The parent(s) has the choice of leaving the newborn without giving any identifying information although the ESP will encourage the parent(s) to provide minimal family demographics and medical background. Any information provided will not be made public.

Fire, police, paramedics and EMT personnel who assume temporary protective custody will transport or arrange for transportation of the newborn to the hospital for examination by a physician.

If the physician believes that the infant is older than 72 hours or suspects abuse and/or neglect, a referral must be made to Children's Protective Services for an investigation.

If the examining physician determines the newborn is no more than 72 hours old and there are no suspicions of abuse and/or neglect, temporary protective custody of the newborn will be transferred to an adoption agency to place the infant with an approved adoptive family.

The biological parent(s) has 28 days to petition Circuit Court, Family Division to regain custody of the newborn.

3. What is the stereotype of a person who abandons their infant?

The generally accepted stereotype is an adolescent or young adult who is frightened and in denial about their pregnancy. What we have learned is that there is not a typical profile of a parent(s) who abandons their infant. Abandonment is a tragedy that crosses all socioeconomic groups, ages, races, ethnicity and educational levels.

4. Why do parents abandon their newborn?

Most of the parents who are likely to abandon their newborn feel there are no alternatives for them. Typically they are isolated and in denial about the pregnancy. Living in this isolation, they are left to wrestle with problems that they may not be psychologically or emotionally equipped to handle.

5. Is this the only answer for parents who feel there are no alternatives?

No, the Safe Delivery of Newborns law focuses on educating parents that there are safe choices. A Safe Delivery hotline was established to provide parents with information about counseling services, medical resources, financial resources and adoption. The ESPs are required to make a reasonable effort to provide the parents with information about their options. Communication is the key to saving the life of a newborn. The more people who know about Michigan's Safe Delivery of Newborns law the more likely parents in crisis will know that there are safe alternatives to abandonment.

Media events help to create public awareness of the Safe Delivery of Newborns law and reinforce that there are other safe alternatives to abandonment.

6. How many surrenders have there been since the law went into effect?

Between 2001 and 2011 there were over 100 surrenders.

7. Is more information available on Safe Delivery?

Information is on the Safe Delivery Web site at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery

The 24/7 hotline number in Michigan is **1-866-733-7733**

The national hot line is **1-877-796-HOPE (4673)**



EDUCATION TRAINING AND ADVOCACY



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

LAW

1. WHEN DID THIS LAW TAKE EFFECT?

January 1, 2001.

2. IN GENERAL, WHAT DOES THE LAW PROVIDE?

This law allows the anonymous surrender of a newborn, from birth to 72 hours of age, to an emergency service provider.

3. WHO IS AN EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER (ESP)?

An ESP is defined as a uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department, hospital or police station when such an individual is inside the premises and on-duty. Emergency service provider also includes a paramedic or an emergency medical technician when either of those individuals is responding to a 9-1-1 emergency call.

- ✓ A hospital means a hospital that is licensed under article 17 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL333.20101 to 333.22260.
- ✓ Fire department means an organized fire department as that term is defined in Section 1 of the fire prevention code 1941 PA 207, MCL29.1.
- ✓ Police station means a police station as that term is defined in section 43 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300 MCL 257.43.
- ✓ Emergency Medical Technician means an individual as defined in article 17 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20904.
- ✓ Paramedic means an individual as defined in article 17 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20908.

4. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) AGENCIES WERE NOT MENTIONED IN THE ORIGINAL LAW. WHEN WAS EMS ADDED AND WHO DOES IT INCLUDE?

In December of 2006, PA 488 was enacted with an effective date of January 1, 2007. The definition of an ESP was expanded to include a paramedic or an emergency medical technician when either of those individuals responds to a 9-1-1 emergency call placed by the surrendering parent(s).

5. DOES THE LAW AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATIONS SO THE ESP, PHYSICIANS AND OTHER CAREGIVERS ARE PAID FOR SERVICES RENDERED PURSUANT TO THIS LAW?

There were no appropriations made specifically to compensate the ESP for services rendered.

6. WHAT IF THE NEWBORN IS FOUND ABANDONED ON THE HOSPITAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE STATION PREMISES?

Follow the policy on child abuse and/or neglect, reporting to the local office of DHS' Children's Protective Services and appropriate law enforcement.

7. WHAT IF THE PERSON(S) SURRENDERING THE NEWBORN LEAVES WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Whether or not the parent(s) provides information has no legal impact on the parent(s). Emergency service providers are obligated to ask, but the parent(s) is not obligated to provide the information.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

8. IS IT LEGALLY RISKY FOR A PARENT(S) TO SURRENDER A NEWBORN TO AN ESP?

It is the intent of this legislation that if a parent(s) surrendered the newborn to an ESP and no abuse and/or neglect is present, neither a criminal investigation nor a Children's Protective Services Investigation would be initiated solely on the basis of the newborn being surrendered to an ESP.

9. WHAT IF SOMEONE OTHER THAN A PARENT SURRENDERS THE NEWBORN?

The law states the parent(s) must surrender the newborn to a uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department, hospital or police station who is on duty and inside the premises. The parent(s) may also place a 9-1-1 emergency call and surrender the newborn to a paramedic or EMT. If the person surrendering the newborn is not the biological parent, the ESP shall retain temporary protective custody of the child and immediately contact law enforcement who will conduct an investigation to determine if the child has been abducted, abandoned, or involved in other criminal activities. The local office of DHS Children's Protective Services shall be contacted if the child needs to be placed in foster care pending the completion of law enforcement's investigation.

10. HOW WILL THE NON-SURRENDERING PARENT KNOW ABOUT THE BIRTH AND THE SURRENDER OF THE BABY?

Statute requires that a reasonable attempt to identify the non-surrendering parent must be made; therefore, the emergency service provider will ask for the identity of the non-surrendering parent at the time of the newborn's surrender. The statute further requires that the child placing agency make a reasonable effort to identify, locate and provide notice of the surrender of the newborn to the non-surrendering parent. If the name and address of that parent is unknown, the child placing agency shall provide notice of the surrender of the newborn by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the newborn was surrendered.

11. WHAT CIRCUIT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION DOES THE SURRENDERING PARENT(S) FILE FOR CUSTODY IF, AFTER SURRENDER, THEY WISH TO DO SO?

- ✓ The county in which the newborn is located, if the parent(s) has located the newborn, or
- ✓ The county in which the ESP is located, if the parent(s) has not located the newborn but knows the location of the ESP to whom the newborn was surrendered, or
- ✓ The county in which the parent(s) is located, if the parent(s) has not located the newborn and does not know the location of the ESP to whom the newborn was surrendered.

12. WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SAFE DELIVERY LAW?

The following acts are available for review at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery under the heading: Laws.

Act No. 232, PA 2000 (SB 1052, 1999-2000)

Act No. 233, PA 2000 (SB 1053, 1999-2000)

Act No. 234, PA 2000 (SB 1187, 1999-2000)

Act No. 235, PA 2000 (HB 5543, 1999-2000)

Act No. 688, PA 2002 (HB 5995, 2002-2003)

Act No. 245, PA 2003 (SB 710, 2002-2003)

Act No. 488, PA 2006 (SB 1292, 2005-2006)

Act No. 348, PA 2010 (SB 1118, 2009-2010)

Act No. 349, PA 2010 (SB 1119, 2009-2010)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ESP ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

13. I AM AN ESP, ARE THERE OPERATING GUIDELINES AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW?

In 2000, the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and the Fire Marshal Division of the Department of State Police developed and distributed a model Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) to all fire departments. The Michigan Department of State Police developed policy on the Safe Delivery of Newborns law that is available to law enforcement agencies upon request. The Michigan Health and Hospital Association has also developed policy on the Safe Delivery of Newborns law which is available to hospitals by calling: 517-703-8601. A *Response and Resource Handbook* has been developed for emergency service providers that includes the tools and information necessary to ensure a successful surrender of a newborn. A limited supply are available in hard copy or it can be downloaded from the DHS Web site at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery. To order a hard copy complete the order form at the DHS Web site.

14. IS IT LEGALLY RISKY FOR AN ESP TO ACCEPT THESE SURRENDERED NEWBORNS?

No. Unless the staff acts with gross negligence or engages in willful or wanton misconduct, their actions in accepting or transferring a newborn are immune from civil liability.

15. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007 THE DEFINITION OF AN EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER WAS CHANGED TO INCLUDE A PARAMEDIC OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) WHO RESPONDS TO A 9-1-1 EMERGENCY CALL, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

A parent(s) may choose to anonymously surrender an unharmed newborn no more than 72 hours old by placing a 9-1-1 emergency call from any location in Michigan. The intent of this change was to include emergency ambulance crews as an ESP when they are dispatched by 9-1-1 in response to a parent(s) request to surrender a newborn from a specific location.

16. IF FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ARE DISPATCHED TO RESPOND TO A 9-1-1 CALL AND DISCOVER A PARENT(S) WHO WANTS TO SURRENDER A NEWBORN, WILL FIRE OR POLICE PERSONNEL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF THE NEWBORN?

Only a licensed paramedic or EMT is covered by the statute to accept temporary protective custody of a surrendered newborn in response to a 9-1-1 emergency call from the parent(s).

17. WHAT IF A PARENT(S) FLAGS DOWN AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) VEHICLE IN THE FIELD THAT IS NOT RESPONDING TO A 9-1-1 CALL FROM THE PARENT(S) AND ATTEMPTS TO SURRENDER A NEWBORN?

The law requires the parent(s) to make an emergency 9-1-1 call to surrender a newborn to a paramedic or emergency medical technician. EMS personnel should accept the newborn and assist the parent in making a call to 9-1-1 to request help in surrendering the newborn per the statutory requirements. EMS personnel are also encouraged to check their agency protocol.

18. HOW DOES THE ESP KNOW IF THE BABY IS A NEWBORN?

This law defines a newborn as “A child who a physician reasonably believes to be not more than 72 hours old.” Emergency service providers must comply with the requirements of this law under the assumption that the child is a newborn. The hospital must immediately accept the newborn without the necessity of a court order. Later in the process, if a physician determines that the baby is not a newborn, a report must be made to the local office of the Department of Human Services’ (DHS) Children’s Protective Services.

In brief, if the baby appears to be a newborn, follow the procedures outlined in this law.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

19. WHAT WRITTEN INFORMATION IS THE ESP TO PROVIDE THE SURRENDERING PARENT(S)?

The ESP is required to make a reasonable effort to give the parent(s) the following publication: Safe Delivery Program FACT Sheet (DHS Pub 867). What Am I Going To Do? (DHS Pub 864) is optional.

20. WHAT OTHER INFORMATION SHOULD THE ESP SHARE?

Reasonable efforts should be made to inform the parent(s) that by surrendering the newborn the newborn will be placed for adoption and that they will have 28 days to petition the court to regain custody of the surrendered child. A reasonable attempt should be made to:

- ✓ Reassure that shared information will be kept confidential.
- ✓ Encourage the parent(s) to identify him/herself.
- ✓ Encourage the parent(s) to share relevant family/medical history (Voluntary Medical Background for a Surrendered Newborn (DHS Form 4819) has been developed to assist with this).
- ✓ Inform the parent(s) that they can receive counseling or medical attention.
- ✓ Inform the parent(s) that a reasonable effort must be made to identify the non-surrendering parent.
- ✓ Inform the parent(s) that the placement agency can provide confidential services.
- ✓ Inform the parent(s) that they may voluntarily sign a release for the newborn to be used in the termination hearing (Voluntary Release For Adoption of a Surrendered Newborn by Parent (DHS Form 4820)).

21. WHERE DOES AN ESP OBTAIN A LISTING OF COUNSELING AND MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS?

This information is available from local offices of Department of Community Health, both mental health and public health departments, pregnancy counseling services, family planning clinics, Yellow Pages of phone directories or through an internet search.

22. THE LAW INDICATES THAT THE NEWBORN SURRENDERED INSIDE THE FIRE OR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ON DUTY PERSONNEL MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE HOSPITAL. HOW SHOULD THIS BE DONE?

The newborn should be transported to the hospital. If local protocol mandates that the newborn must be transported to the hospital by ambulance, fire and police personnel who accepted the surrendered newborn must accompany or follow the ambulance to the hospital to transfer temporary protective custody of the newborn to hospital staff.

23. HOW ARE FIRE AND POLICE PERSONNEL TO TRANSPORT A SURRENDERED NEWBORN TO THE HOSPITAL?

The transporting of a surrendered newborn to the hospital by fire and police department personnel is not addressed in statute. Temporary protective custody cannot be transferred to an ambulance crew responding to a request to transport the newborn to the hospital. Personnel are encouraged to contact their respective areas for protocol and/or procedures. Note: The Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and Fire Marshal Division of the Department of State Police developed a model Standard Operating Guideline in 2000.

24. SHOULD THE INITIAL CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE NEWBORN, AT THE HOSPITAL, INCLUDE A COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION?

Initially, a nurse and/or physician in the emergency department should conduct a brief clinical assessment to determine if signs of abuse and/or neglect are present. A more complete clinical assessment by the emergency room physician should follow. Results of the complete clinical examination should be documented, including the estimated age of the newborn, results of the physical examination and recommended care plan.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

25. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IF, DURING THE HOSPITAL'S CLINICAL ASSESSMENT, SIGNS OF ABUSE AND/OR NEGLECT ARE PRESENT?

If the physician examining the newborn has reason to suspect that the newborn has experienced abuse and/or neglect (for reason other than being surrendered to an ESP) the physician must immediately report to the local office of DHS' Children's Protective Services and file A Report of Actual or Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect (DHS Form 3200).

26. DOES THE HOSPITAL HAVE TO OBTAIN WRITTEN CONSENT TO TREAT AND/OR TRANSFER THE NEWBORN?

No.

27. WILL THE SURRENDERED NEWBORN BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID?

An application for Medicaid may be made for newborns surrendered under the Safe Delivery of Newborns law by the provider hospital, child placing agency, court appointed lawyer guardian ad litem, or prospective adoptive parent(s). Assistance in applying for Medicaid can be obtained from a local DHS office.

28. WHO APPLIES FOR THE BIRTH REGISTRATION FOR THE NEWBORN?

Hospital personnel will complete the birth registration form for newborns who are delivered and surrendered in the hospital. For all other surrenders, the child placing agency will make application for the birth registration. Reporting of the birth will be handled as a "foundling" registration. The birth certificate must be completed and filed with the state registrar within five (5) days after assuming custody of the newborn. For assistance or questions regarding the procedures for birth registration, contact the Registration Unit, Office of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Michigan Department of Community Health at 517-335-8666.

29. FOLLOWING AN EXAMINATION AT A HOSPITAL AND IF THE NEWBORN IS UNHARMED, WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP FOR THE HOSPITAL?

The hospital must notify a child placing agency for placement.

30. WHERE DOES THE HOSPITAL OBTAIN A LISTING OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES THAT HANDLE ADOPTIONS?

A listing of Michigan private adoption agencies that will provide a placement for a surrendered newborn in an approved adoptive home is available at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery or in the *Safe Delivery Response and Resource Handbook*.

31. WHAT IF A PARENT(S) RETURNS TO THE HOSPITAL, FIRE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE STATION OR CALLS 9-1-1 FOLLOWING SURRENDER AND REQUESTS THE RETURN OF THE NEWBORN?

The newborn should not be returned to the parent(s) under these circumstances. Personnel should advise the parent(s) of their right to file an action in Circuit Court, Family Division for custody of the newborn within 28 days following surrender or 28 days following notice of the surrender.

CHILD PLACING AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

32. WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CHILD PLACING AGENCY THAT HAS TAKEN A NEWBORN UNDER THIS LAW?

- ✓ Immediately assume the care, control and temporary protective custody of newborn.
- ✓ If the parent(s) is known and willing, immediately meet with the parent(s).



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ✓ Unless the birth was witnessed by the ESP, immediately request assistance from law enforcement officials to investigate and determine whether the newborn is a missing child through Michigan's Missing Children's Information Clearinghouse as well as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
- ✓ Complete DHS Form 377, Statement Transferring Physical Custody of Surrendered Newborn.
- ✓ Make a temporary placement of the newborn with a prospective adoptive parent who has an approved preplacement assessment.
- ✓ Within 48 hours after transferring physical custody to a prospective adoptive parent, petition the court for authority to place and provide care for the newborn.
- ✓ Within 28 days make a reasonable effort to identify, locate and provide notice of the surrender of the newborn to the non-surrendering parent. If that parent's identity and address are unknown, the child placing agency must provide notice of the surrender of the newborn by publication.
- ✓ File a written report with the court that issued the order placing the child stating the efforts made to identify and locate the non-surrendering parent and the results of those efforts.

33. WHAT ARE THE LISTINGS FOR MICHIGAN'S MISSING CHILDREN'S INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE AND THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN?

Michigan State Police
Prevention Services Section
333 S. Grand Avenue
Lansing, MI 48913

Telephone Number 1-877-616-4677
Fax 517-241-6815

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Information Clearinghouse telephone number is 1-800-THE LOST (843-5678).

A child placing agency who assumes temporary protective custody of a surrendered newborn is required to immediately notify Michigan's Missing Children's Information Clearinghouse to determine if the child is a victim of abduction unless the birth was witnessed by an ESP.

34. THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY ASSUMING TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF THE NEWBORN MUST SUPPLY THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A BIRTH REGISTRATION FOR THE CHILD EXCEPT FOR NEWBORNS SURRENDERED FOLLOWING A HOSPITAL BIRTH. IS THERE A FORM AVAILABLE THAT CAN BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE?

The agency may use "Certificate of Live Birth", Michigan Department of Community Health form DCH-0481.

35. THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY THAT HAS TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF A NEWBORN UNDER THE SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS LAW WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE COURT FORMS. WHAT FORMS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND HOW DOES THE AGENCY ACCESS THEM?

The State Court Administrator's Office has approved forms to be used related to the surrendered newborn. These forms are available from the Family Division of Circuit Court. They are also available online at www.courts.Michigan.gov/SCAO/CourtForms. For easy reference, the form numbers and titles have been provided:

- ✓ CCFD-01 Petition for Placement Order of Surrendered Newborn Child
- ✓ CCFD-02 Order Placing Surrendered Newborn with Prospective Adoptive Parents
- ✓ CCFD-03 Petition of Parent for Custody of Surrendered Newborn Child



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ✓ CCFD-04 Order for Blood or Tissue Typing or DNA Profile
- ✓ CCFD-04a Order Determining Maternity/Paternity of Surrendered Newborn Child
- ✓ CCFD-05 Motion Objecting to DNA Identification Profile or Blood/Tissue Typing Summary Report
- ✓ CCFD-06 Order Determining Custody of Surrendered Newborn Child
- ✓ CCFD-07 Petition to Accept Release and Terminate Rights to Surrendered Newborn Child
- ✓ CCFD-08 Order After Hearing on Petition to Accept Release and Termination Rights to Surrendered Newborn Child

36. A CHILD PLACING AGENCY THAT HAS TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF A NEWBORN UNDER THE SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS LAW IS REQUIRED TO, WITHIN 28 DAYS, MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY, LOCATE AND PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE SURRENDER OF THE NEWBORN TO THE NON-SURRENDERING PARENT. IF THE IDENTITY AND ADDRESS OF THAT PARENT IS UNKNOWN, THE AGENCY IS TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE SURRENDER OF THE NEWBORN BY PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE NEWBORN WAS SURRENDERED. HOW WOULD SUCH A PUBLICATION READ?

While there is no specific language developed, the following is an example of a notification relating to a surrendered newborn:

State of Michigan,
(Name of court) Circuit Court, Family Division
Publication of Notice
Safe Delivery of Newborns (MCL712.1)

To: Birth Father and Birth Mother of Said Minor Child In the Matter of: Newborn Baby, Born and surrendered on (list date, time, hospital, city & state), Take Notice: by surrendering your newborn, you are releasing your newborn to a child placing agency to be placed for adoption. The surrendering parent has 28 days from the date of surrender (list date) and the non-surrendering parent has 28 days from this notice to petition the court to regain custody of your child. After the 28 days there will be a hearing to terminate your parental rights. There will be a public notice of this hearing; however, the notice will not contain your names. You will not receive personal notice of the hearing. You, as the parent(s), can call (list agency with phone number and, if required, the court's information) for further information.

37. WHEN A CHILD PLACING AGENCY HAS TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF A NEWBORN, WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR NOTIFYING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OF A "SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS" PLACEMENT?

The agency is to complete Safe Delivery of Newborns Tracking Information (DHS Form 850) available at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery. This form must be forwarded to the Adoption Services Division of the Department of Human Services for tracking purposes.

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SUMMARY OF SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS LAW

On June 26, 2000, Michigan enacted the Safe Delivery of Newborns law with an effective date of January 1, 2001. The law was amended in 2002, 2003, 2006, and 2010.

Act No. 349, PA 2010 (SB 1119, 2009-2010)

Amends Section 15 of the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law.

Act No. 348, PA 2010 (SB 1118, 2009-2010)

Amends Section 17 of the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law.

Act No. 488, PA 2006 (SB 1292, 2005-2006)

Amends Sections 1, 3, 7, 10, 11, 15 and 17 of the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law.

Act No. 245, PA 2003 (SB 710, 2002-2003)

Amends Section 20 of the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law.

Act No. 688, PA2002, (HB 5995, 2002-2003)

Amends Section 3 of the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law.

Act No. 232, PA 2000 (SB 1052, 1999-2000)

Added the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law, Chapter XII to the Probate Code and amended the Juvenile Code, Chapter XIIA of the Probate Code.

Act No. 233, PA 2000 (SB 1053, 1999-2000)

Amended the Penal Code to provide an affirmative defense to a child abandonment prosecution if the child is not more than 72 hours old and was surrendered to an emergency service provider.

Act No. 234, PA 2000 (SB 1187, 1999-2000)

Amends the Child Protection Law specifying that the act of surrendering a child to an emergency service provider is not a reasonable cause to suspect child abuse and/or neglect and the physician is not required to report the surrender unless there are actual signs of abuse and/or neglect. New Section 8 (16) on page 3.

Act No. 235, PA 2000 (HB 5543, 1999-2000)

Added provisions to Chapter XII of the Probate Code to establish a Safe Delivery program, which must include a toll free number and a pamphlet about the program.



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Michigan Compiled Laws (712.1-712.20)

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Section 712.13	Repealed by Act No. 488, PA 2006.
Section 712.14	Determination of custody; basis; newborn's best interest; factors.
Section 712.15	Court order.
Section 712.17	Release and termination of parental rights.
Section 712.20	Safe delivery program; establishment.

For a copy of the 2000 Public Acts go to the following Web site:
<http://www.swmsystemsinc.org/legislation/PA> (type in the act # here).htm

For updates following enactment of Safe Delivery of Newborns law go to the following Web site:
www.legislature.mi.gov. Click on: Michigan Compiled Laws Search; Enter: MCL 712.1 – 712.20



MICHIGAN COMPILED SAFE DELIVERY LAWS

PROBATE CODE OF 1939 (EXCERPT) Act 288 of 1939

712.1 Short title of chapter; definitions.

Sec. 1. (1) This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "safe delivery of newborns law".

(2) As used in this chapter:

(a) "Child placing agency" means that term as defined in section 1 of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111.

(b) "Court" means the family division of circuit court.

(c) "Department" means the department of human services.

(d) "DNA identification profile" and "DNA identification profiling" mean those terms as defined in section 1 of the paternity act, 1956 PA 205, MCL 722.711.

(e) "Domestic violence" means that term as defined in section 1 of 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.

(f) "Emergency service provider" means a uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department, hospital, or police station when that individual is inside the premises and on duty. Emergency service provider also includes a paramedic or an emergency medical technician when either of those individuals is responding to a 9-1-1 emergency call.

(g) "Fire department" means an organized fire department as that term is defined in section 1 of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1.

(h) "Gross negligence" means conduct so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury results.

(i) "Hospital" means a hospital that is licensed under article 17 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20101 to 333.22260.

(j) "Lawyer-guardian ad litem" means an attorney appointed under section 2 of this chapter. A lawyer-guardian ad litem represents the newborn, and has the powers and duties, as set forth in section 17d of chapter XIII.

(k) "Newborn" means a child who a physician reasonably believes to be not more than 72 hours old.

(l) "Police station" means that term as defined in section 43 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.43.

(m) "Preplacement assessment" means an assessment of a prospective adoptive parent as described in section 23f of chapter X.

(n) "Surrender" means to leave a newborn with an emergency service provider without expressing an intent to return for the newborn.

History: Add. 2000 Act 232, Eff. Jan. 1, 2001;—Am. 2006, Act 488, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 232 of 2000 provides:

"Enacting section 1. Section 19b of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.19b, as amended by this amendatory act, and chapter XII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, as added by this amendatory act, do not apply to a proceeding that arises before the effective date of this amendatory act."

The heading to Chapter XII added by 2000 PA 232 ("SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS") was incorrectly referenced in 2000 PA 235 as "SURRENDERED NEWBORNS." The chapter heading evidently should read "SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS."

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712.2 Newborn surrendered to emergency service provider; court jurisdiction; effect of other provisions of law; immunity from civil action.

Sec. 2. (1) The court has jurisdiction over a newborn who is surrendered to an emergency service provider as provided in section 3 of this chapter. The court may appoint a lawyer-guardian ad litem to represent a newborn in proceedings under this chapter.

(2) Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, the reporting requirement of section 3 of the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.623, does not apply regarding a child surrendered to an emergency service provider as provided in section 3 of this chapter.

(3) Unless this chapter specifically provides otherwise, a provision in another chapter of this act does not apply to a proceeding under this chapter. Unless this chapter specifically provides otherwise, the child custody act of 1970, 1970 PA 91, MCL 722.21 to 722.30, does not apply to a proceeding under this chapter.

(4) A hospital and a child placing agency, and their agents and employees, are immune in a civil action for damages for an act or omission in accepting or transferring a newborn under this chapter, except for an act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. To the extent not protected by the immunity conferred by 1964 PA 170, MCL 691.1401 to 691.1415, an employee or contractor of a fire department or police station has the same immunity that this subsection provides to a hospital's or child placing agency's agent or employee.

History: Add. 2000 Act 232, Eff. Jan. 1, 2001.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 232 of 2000 provides:

“Enacting section 1. Section 19b of chapter XIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.19b, as amended by this amendatory act, and chapter XII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, as added by this amendatory act, do not apply to a proceeding that arises before the effective date of this amendatory act.”

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712.2a Confidentiality.

Sec. 2a. (1) A hearing under this chapter is closed to the public. A record of a proceeding under this chapter is confidential, except that the record is available to any individual who is a party to that proceeding.

(2) All child placing agency records created under this chapter are confidential except as otherwise provided in the provisions of this chapter.

(3) An individual who discloses information made confidential under subsection (1) or (2) without a court order or specific authorization under federal or state law is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both. An individual who discloses information made confidential under subsection (1) or (2) without a court order or specific authorization under federal or state law is civilly liable for damages proximately caused by disclosure of that information.

History: Add. 2006, Act 488, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

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712.3 Conduct of emergency service provider.

Sec. 3. (1) If a parent surrenders a child who may be a newborn to an emergency service provider, the emergency service provider shall comply with the requirements of this section under the assumption that the child is a newborn. The emergency service provider shall, without a court order, immediately accept the newborn, taking the newborn into temporary protective custody. The emergency service provider shall make a reasonable effort to do all of the following:

- (a) Take action necessary to protect the physical health and safety of the newborn.
- (b) Inform the parent that by surrendering the newborn, the parent is releasing the newborn to a child placing agency to be placed for adoption.
- (c) Inform the parent that the parent has 28 days to petition the court to regain custody of the newborn.
- (d) Provide the parent with written material approved by or produced by the department that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following statements:
 - (i) By surrendering the newborn, the parent is releasing the newborn to a child placing agency to be placed for adoption.
 - (ii) The parent has 28 days after surrendering the newborn to petition the court to regain custody of the newborn.
 - (iii) After the 28-day period to petition for custody elapses, there will be a hearing to determine and terminate parental rights.
 - (iv) There will be public notice of this hearing, and the notice will not contain the parent's name.
 - (v) The parent will not receive personal notice of this hearing.
 - (vi) Information the parent provides to an emergency service provider will not be made public.
 - (vii) A parent can contact the safe delivery line established under section 20 of this chapter for more information.

(2) After providing a parent with the information described in subsection (1), an emergency service provider shall make a reasonable attempt to do all of the following:

- (a) Encourage the parent to provide any relevant family or medical information.
- (b) Provide the parent with the pamphlet produced under section 20 of this chapter and inform the parent that he or she can receive counseling or medical attention.
- (c) Inform the parent that information that he or she provides will not be made public.
- (d) Ask the parent to identify himself or herself.
- (e) Inform the parent that in order to place the newborn for adoption the state is required to make a reasonable attempt to identify the other parent, and then ask the parent to identify the other parent.
- (f) Inform the parent that the child placing agency that takes temporary protective custody of the newborn can provide confidential services to the parent.
- (g) Inform the parent that the parent may sign a release for the newborn that may be used at the parental rights termination hearing under this chapter.

(3) A newborn whose birth is described in the born alive infant protection act, 2002 PA 687, MCL 333.1071 to 333.1073, and who is in a hospital setting or transferred to a hospital under section 3(1) of the born alive infant protection act, 2002 PA 687, MCL 333.1073, is a newborn surrendered as provided in this chapter. An emergency service provider who has received a newborn under the born alive infant protection act, 2002 PA 687, MCL 333.1071 to 333.1073, shall do all of the following:

- (a) Comply with the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) to obtain information from or supply information to the surrendering parent by requesting the information from or supplying the information to the attending physician who delivered the newborn.
- (b) Make no attempt to directly contact the parent or parents of the newborn.
- (c) Provide humane comfort care if the newborn is determined to have no chance of survival due to gestational immaturity in light of available neonatal medical treatment or other condition incompatible with life.

History: Add. 2000 Act 232, Eff. Jan. 1, 2001;—Am. 2002, Act 688, Eff. Mar. 31, 2003;—Am. 2006, Act 488, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 232 of 2000 provides:

“Enacting section 1. Section 19b of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.19b, as amended by this amendatory act, and chapter XII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, as added by this amendatory act, do not apply to a proceeding that arises before the effective date of this amendatory act.”



712.5 Transfer of newborn to hospital; physician report of abuse, neglect, or child not a newborn; notice to child placing agency.

Sec. 5. (1) An emergency service provider that is not a hospital and that takes a newborn into temporary protective custody under section 3 of this chapter shall transfer the newborn to a hospital. The hospital shall accept a newborn who an emergency service provider transfers to the hospital in compliance with this chapter, taking the newborn into temporary protective custody.

(2) A hospital that takes a newborn into temporary protective custody under this chapter shall have the newborn examined by a physician. If a physician who examines the newborn either determines that there is reason to suspect the newborn has experienced child abuse or child neglect, other than being surrendered to an emergency service provider under section 3 of this chapter, or comes to a reasonable belief that the child is not a newborn, the physician shall immediately report to the department as required by section 3 of the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.623.

(3) If a physician is not required to report to the department as provided in subsection (2), the hospital shall notify a child placing agency that the hospital has taken a newborn into temporary protective custody under this chapter.

History: Add. 2000 Act 232, Eff. Jan. 1, 2001.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 232 of 2000 provides:

“Enacting section 1. Section 19b of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.19b, as amended by this amendatory act, and chapter XII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, as added by this amendatory act, do not apply to a proceeding that arises before the effective date of this amendatory act.”

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712.7 Duties of child placing agency.

Sec. 7. Upon receipt of notice from a hospital under section 5 of this chapter, the child placing agency shall do all of the following:

- (a) Immediately assume the care, control, and temporary protective custody of the newborn.
- (b) If a parent is known and willing, immediately meet with the parent.
- (c) Unless otherwise provided in this subdivision, make a temporary placement of the newborn with a prospective adoptive parent who has an approved preplacement assessment. If a petition for custody is filed under section 10 of this chapter, the child placing agency may make a temporary placement of the newborn with a licensed foster parent.
- (d) Unless the birth was witnessed by the emergency service provider, immediately request assistance from law enforcement officials to investigate and determine, through the missing children information clearinghouse, the national center for missing and exploited children, and any other national and state resources, whether the newborn is a missing child.
- (e) Not later than 48 hours after a transfer of physical custody to a prospective adoptive parent, petition the court in the county in which the prospective adoptive parent resides to provide authority to place the newborn and provide care for the newborn. The petition shall include all of the following:
 - (i) The date of the transfer of physical custody.
 - (ii) The name and address of the emergency service provider to whom the newborn was surrendered.
 - (iii) Any information, either written or verbal, that was provided by and to the parent who surrendered the newborn. The emergency service provider that originally accepted the newborn as required by section 3 of this chapter shall provide this information to the child placing agency.
- (f) Within 28 days, make reasonable efforts to identify, locate, and provide notice of the surrender of the newborn to the nonsurrendering parent. The child placing agency shall file a written report with the court that issued the order placing the child. The report shall state the efforts the child placing agency made in attempting to identify and locate the nonsurrendering parent and the results of those efforts. If the identity and address of the nonsurrendering parent are unknown, the child placing agency shall provide notice of the surrender of the newborn by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the newborn was surrendered.

History: Add. 2000 Act 232, Eff. Jan. 1, 2001;—Am. 2006, Act 488, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 232 of 2000 provides:

“Enacting section 1. Section 19b of chapter XIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.19b, as amended by this amendatory act, and chapter XII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, as added by this amendatory act, do not apply to a proceeding that arises before the effective date of this amendatory act.”

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712.10 Custody action by surrendering or nonsurrendering parent; filing; hearing; determination of paternity or maternity.

Sec. 10. (1) If a surrendering parent wants custody of a newborn who was surrendered under section 3 of this chapter, the parent shall, within 28 days after the newborn was surrendered, file a petition with the court for custody. Not later than 28 days after notice of surrender of a newborn has been published, an individual claiming to be the nonsurrendering parent of that newborn may file a petition with the court for custody. The surrendering parent or nonsurrendering parent shall file the petition for custody in 1 of the following counties:

(a) If the parent has located the newborn, the county where the newborn is located.

(b) If subdivision (a) does not apply and the parent knows the location of the emergency service provider to whom the newborn was surrendered, the county where the emergency service provider is located.

(c) If neither subdivision (a) nor (b) applies, the county where the parent is located.

(2) If the court in which the petition for custody is filed did not issue the order placing the newborn, the court in which the petition for custody is filed shall locate and contact the court that issued the order and shall transfer the proceedings to that court.

(3) Before holding a custody hearing on a petition filed under this section and not later than 7 days after a petition for custody under this section has been filed, the court shall conduct a hearing to make the determinations of paternity or maternity as described in section 11.

History: Add. 2000 Act 232, Eff. Jan. 1, 2001;—Am. 2006, Act 488, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 232 of 2000 provides:

“Enacting section 1. Section 19b of chapter XIII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.19b, as amended by this amendatory act, and chapter XII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, as added by this amendatory act, do not apply to a proceeding that arises before the effective date of this amendatory act.”

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712.11 Blood or tissue typing or DNA identification profiling; presumption; costs; dismissal of custody petition.

Sec. 11. (1) In a petition for custody filed under this chapter, the court shall order the child and each party claiming paternity to submit to blood or tissue typing determinations or DNA identification profiling, as described in section 16 of the paternity act, 1958 PA 205, MCL 722.716.

(2) Unless the birth was witnessed by the emergency service provider and sufficient documentation exists to support maternity, in a petition for custody filed under this chapter, the court shall order the child and each party claiming maternity to submit to blood or tissue typing determinations or DNA identification profiling, as described in section 16 of the paternity act, 1958 PA 205, MCL 722.716.

(3) If the probability of paternity or maternity determined by the blood or tissue typing or DNA identification profiling is 99% or higher and the DNA identification profile and summary report are admissible, paternity or maternity is presumed and the petitioner may move for summary disposition on the issue of paternity or maternity.

(4) The court may order the petitioner to pay all or part of the cost of the paternity or maternity testing.

(5) If the result of the paternity or maternity testing is admissible and establishes that the petitioner could not be the parent of the newborn, the court shall dismiss the petition for custody.

History: Add. 2000, Act 232, Eff. Jan. 1, 2001;—Am. 2006, Act 488, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 232 of 2000 provides:

“Enacting section 1. Section 19b of chapter XIII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.19b, as amended by this amendatory act, and chapter XII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, as added by this amendatory act, do not apply to a proceeding that arises before the effective date of this amendatory act.”

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712.12, 712.13 Repealed. 2006, Act 488, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007.

Compiler's note: The repealed sections pertained to blood or tissue typing or DNA identification profile and disclosure of information.

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712.14 Determination of custody; basis; newborn's best interest; factors.

Sec. 14. (1) In a custody action under this chapter, the court shall determine custody of the newborn based on the newborn's best interest. The court shall consider, evaluate, and make findings on each factor of the newborn's best interest with the goal of achieving permanence for the newborn at the earliest possible date.

(2) A newborn's best interest in a custody action under this chapter is all of the following factors regarding a parent claiming parenthood of the newborn:

- (a) The love, affection, and other emotional ties existing between the newborn and the parent.
- (b) The parent's capacity to give the newborn love, affection, and guidance.
- (c) The parent's capacity and disposition to provide the newborn with food, clothing, medical care, or other remedial care recognized and permitted under the laws of this state in place of medical care, and other material needs.
- (d) The permanence, as a family unit, of the existing or proposed custodial home.
- (e) The parent's moral fitness.
- (f) The parent's mental and physical health.
- (g) Whether the parent has a history of domestic violence.
- (h) If the parent is not the parent who surrendered the newborn, the opportunity the parent had to provide appropriate care and custody of the newborn before the newborn's birth or surrender.
- (i) Any other factor considered by the court to be relevant to the determination of the newborn's best interest.

History: Add. 2000 Act 232, Eff. Jan. 1, 2001.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 232 of 2000 provides:

"Enacting section 1. Section 19b of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.19b, as amended by this amendatory act, and chapter XII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, as added by this amendatory act, do not apply to a proceeding that arises before the effective date of this amendatory act."

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712.15 Court order.

Sec. 15. Based on the court's finding under section 14 of this chapter, the court may issue an order that does 1 of the following:

- (a) Grants legal or physical custody, or both, of the newborn to the parent and either retains or relinquishes jurisdiction.
- (b) Determines that the best interests of the newborn are not served by granting custody to the petitioner parent and orders the child placing agency to petition the court for jurisdiction under section 2(b) of chapter XIIA.
- (c) Dismisses the petition.

History: Add. 2000 Act 232, Eff. Jan. 1, 2001;—Am. 2006, Act 488, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007;—Am. 2010, Act 349, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 2010

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 232 of 2000 provides:

"Enacting section 1. Section 19b of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.19b, as amended by this amendatory act, and chapter XII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, as added by this amendatory act, do not apply to a proceeding that arises before the effective date of this amendatory act."

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712.17 Release or termination of parental rights to newborn.

Sec. 17. (1) A parent who surrenders a newborn under section 3 of this chapter and who does not file a custody action under section 10 of this chapter is presumed to have knowingly released his or her parental rights to the newborn.

(2) If the surrendering parent has not filed a petition for custody of the newborn within 28 days of the surrender, the child placing agency with authority to place the newborn shall immediately file a petition with the court to determine whether the release shall be accepted and whether the court shall enter an order terminating the rights of the surrendering parent.

(3) If the nonsurrendering parent has not filed a petition for custody of the newborn within 28 days of notice of surrender of a newborn under section 10 of this chapter, the child placing agency with authority to place the newborn shall immediately file a petition with the court to determine whether the court shall enter an order terminating the rights of the nonsurrendering parent.

(4) The court shall schedule a hearing on the petition from the child placing agency within 14 days of receipt of that petition. At the hearing, the child placing agency shall present evidence that demonstrates that the surrendering parent released the newborn and that demonstrates the efforts made by the child placing agency to identify, locate, and provide notice to the nonsurrendering parent.

(5) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the surrendering parent has knowingly released his or her rights to the child and that reasonable efforts were made to locate the nonsurrendering parent and a custody action has not been filed, the court shall enter an order terminating parental rights of the surrendering parent and the nonsurrendering parent under this chapter.

History: Add. 2000 Act 232, Eff. Jan. 1, 2001;—Am. 2006, Act 488, Eff. Jan. 1, 2007;—Am. 2010, Act 348, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 2010

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 232 of 2000 provides:

“Enacting section 1. Section 19b of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.19b, as amended by this amendatory act, and chapter XII of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, as added by this amendatory act, do not apply to a proceeding that arises before the effective date of this amendatory act.”

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712.20 Safe delivery program; establishment.

Sec. 20. The department of community health in conjunction with the department shall establish a safe delivery program. The safe delivery program shall include, but is not limited to, both of the following:

(a) A toll-free, 24-hour telephone line. The information provided with this telephone line shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(i) Information on prenatal care and the delivery of a newborn.

(ii) Names of health agencies that can assist in obtaining services and supports that provide for the pregnancy-related health of the mother and the health of the baby.

(iii) Information on adoption options and the name and telephone number of a child placing agency that can assist a parent or expecting parent in obtaining adoption services.

(iv) Information that, in order to safely provide for the health of the mother and her newborn, the best place for the delivery of a child is in a hospital, hospital-based birthing center, or birthing center that is accredited by the commission for the accreditation of birth centers.

(v) An explanation that, to the extent of the law, prenatal care and delivery services are routinely confidential within the health care system, if requested by the mother.

(vi) Information that a hospital will take into protective custody a newborn that is surrendered as provided for in this chapter and, if needed, provide emergency medical assistance to the mother, the newborn, or both.

(vii) Information regarding legal and procedural requirements related to the voluntary surrender of a child as provided for in this chapter.

(viii) Information regarding the legal consequences for endangering a child, including child protective service investigations and potential criminal penalties.

(ix) Information that surrendering a newborn for adoption as provided in this chapter is an affirmative defense to charges of abandonment as provided in section 135 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.135.

(x) Information about resources for counseling and assistance with crisis management.

(b) A pamphlet that provides information to the public concerning the safe delivery program. The department of community health and the department shall jointly publish and distribute the pamphlet. The pamphlet shall prominently display the toll-free telephone number prescribed by subdivision (a).

History: Add. 2000, Act 235, Eff. Jan. 1, 2001;—Am. 2003, Act 245, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 2003.

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Popular name: Baby Drop Off



TRAINING OPTIONS FOR SAFE DELIVERY

SAFE DELIVERY TRAINING PLAN

Safe Delivery Resources:

- A web-based training for emergency service providers, which can also be used for adoption agency staff, is available and can be accessed at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery.
- Sample training outline in the handbook.
- Power Point presentation on Safe Delivery of Newborns law is available at the Department of Human Services Web site (www.michigan.gov/safedelivery) and will provide a model that can be used to provide staff training.
- A list of children's services staff from around the state that participated in the Safe Delivery Train-the-Trainers session is available on the Safe Delivery Web site at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery or call the hotline.
- Contact the Hotline Number (24/7) 1-866-733-7733.
- Contact Safe Delivery consultants at MichSafeDelivery@gmail.com.



TRAINING OPTIONS FOR SAFE DELIVERY

SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS SAMPLE TRAINING OUTLINE FOR ADOPTION AGENCIES

- I. Introductions
 - a. Trainer(s)
 - b. Participants
- II. Why was the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law enacted?
 - a. Intent of law
 - b. Play training DVD #2 and #3
- III. Michigan Data
 - a. Safe Delivery FACT Sheet (DHS Web site: www.michigan.gov/safedelivery)
- IV. Roles and Responsibilities of the Adoption Agency
 - a. Reference *Adoption Agency Handbook*
 - b. Play training DVD from handbook
 - c. Discuss who might be surrendering a newborn
 - d. Recruiting prospective adoptive families
 - e. Review ESP roles and responsibilities
 - f. Review Forms and Publications obtained by ESP
 - g. Discuss how to interview a surrendering parent(s)
 - h. Review local court procedures, fees and timeframes
- V. Agency Policy and Procedures
 - a. Safe Delivery Checklist
 - b. Sample protocol and flowchart
 - c. Identify potential resources for locating non-surrendering parent
 - d. Sample public notice format
 - e. Birth Registration procedure
 - f. Completing DHS Form 850, Safe Delivery of Newborns Tracking Information
 - g. Frequently Asked Questions
- VI. Safe Delivery Forms and Publications
 - a. Where to order forms and publications
- VII. Role Play Required Actions for a Surrendered Newborn
- VIII. Questions and Answers

Course Preparation

Equipment:

TV/DVD player
or LCD—
PSA/DVD

Handouts:

1. Safe Delivery Law
2. FACT Sheet
3. Forms & Publications
4. Checklist
5. Local Protocols/SOG
6. Flowcharts
7. Local Referral Sources
8. Frequently Asked Questions



ADVOCACY OPTIONS FOR SAFE DELIVERY

SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Help Promote the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law

Issue:

Although there have been many newborns surrendered since the Safe Delivery of Newborns law went into effect in 2001, there are continued media reports of infants who are abandoned or are victims of infanticide. Public and professional awareness remains a critical issue. Community agencies and individual volunteers can play a vitally important role in keeping the Safe Delivery message current in their communities or regions.

Recommended Actions: How You Can Help

1. **Show and distribute the training DVD at meetings with community partners.** The DVD provides an opportunity to raise community awareness of the law and the continuing problem of infant abandonment or infanticide throughout the state and provides a venue for discussing effective ways to annually convey the Safe Delivery message in each community.
2. **Check local hospitals, fire departments and police stations** for signs designating the building as a Safe Delivery site and/or confirm receipt of the *Response and Resource Handbook* developed to ensure that an emergency service provider (ESP) is prepared for a surrender. Distribute order forms if needed. See page 83 for sample order form.
3. **Check with EMS agencies and/or 9–1–1 dispatch services** to determine if they have ordered the *Portable Response Packet* to train staff and ensure that they are prepared for a surrender. Distribute order forms if needed. See page 85 for sample order form.
4. **Promote the Web–based training course for ESPs** which can be used to train all existing staff, new hires, and as an annual refresher course.
5. **Distribute Safe Delivery resource materials.** Posters, pamphlets, wallet cards, and emery boards can be displayed/distributed at local businesses, health clinics, coffee shops, laundry mats, runaway shelters, churches, malls, counseling centers, etc.
6. **Know how to order free resource materials** and DHS forms and publications.
7. **Review the Safe Delivery Web site** for updated resource materials and current statistics on the number of surrenders at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery.
8. **Identify potential opportunities** for Safe Delivery workshop presentations and/or exhibits.
9. **Contact local television and radio stations and newspapers** for opportunities to promote awareness of the Safe Delivery of Newborns law.
10. **Document efforts to promote awareness** of the Safe Delivery of Newborns law in your community/region by completing the activity log found on page 80 and fax to 517–381–8008.
11. **Promote the Safe Delivery Hotline** at 1–866–733–7733.
12. **Volunteer to become a Safe Delivery trainer** in your community/region.

Free Available Resources:

Posters - English & Spanish • Emery Boards • Wallet Cards • DHS Publications 864 and 867, What Am I Going To Do? And Safe Delivery Program FACT Sheet • DVD-May 2008 Training Tracks • ESP Trifold • Order Forms for Handbooks and Resources



SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS

SAMPLE TRAINING OUTLINE FOR COMMUNITY ADVOCACY*

- I. Introductions
 - a. Trainer(s)
 - b. Participants
- II. Why was the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law enacted?
 - a. Intent of law
 - b. Play training DVD tracks #1, 2 and/or 3
 - c. Review Public Acts 488, 232, and 233
- III. Michigan Data
 - a. Safe Delivery FACT Sheet (DHS Web site: www.michigan.gov/safedelivery)
- IV. Roles and Responsibilities
 - a. Emergency Service Providers (ESP)
 - b. Adoption Agencies
 - c. Family Division of the Circuit Court
- V. Surrendering Parent Rights
 - a. Non-surrendering parent notice
- VI. What Happens to the Newborn?
- VII. Public Awareness
 - a. Safe Delivery Posters (English and Spanish)
 - b. Emery Boards
 - c. Wallet Cards
 - d. Order Forms
- VIII. Safe Delivery Forms and Publications
 - a. Where to order forms and publications
- IX. Information
 - a. Safe Delivery toll free number 1-866-733-7733
 - b. Consultant email: MichSafeDelivery@gmail.com
 - c. Web site: www.michigan.gov/safedelivery
- X. Professional Resource Materials
 - a. *Response and Resource Handbook* for ESPs
 - b. *EMS Portable Response Packet*
 - c. Web-based training course for ESPs
 - d. Safe Delivery Training DVD with eight tracks
- XI. Questions and Answers

* If hosting a training contact MichSafeDelivery@gmail.com for additional free resources

Course Preparation

Equipment:
TV/DVD player
or LCD
PSA/DVD

Handouts:
1. DHS Publications 864 & 867
2. Posters: English & Spanish
3. Emery Boards
4. ESP Trifold
5. Wallet Cards
6. Order Forms



SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS

Completion Instructions for Advocate Activity Log

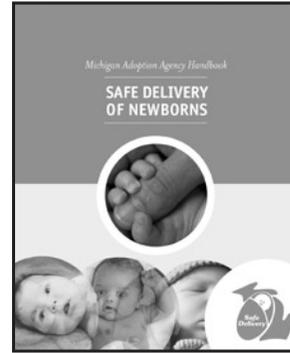
The Safe Delivery program consultants should be notified of all advocate and outreach activities throughout the state. This helps to avoid duplication and helps to identify future locations that may need to be targeted. This information is also shared on a quarterly basis with the Michigan Department of Community Health.

1. Provide the name or names of the Safe Delivery of Newborns advocates.
2. If the advocate(s) is an employee or contractor of an agency please identify the agency name and location.
3. The advocacy report should be faxed each quarter (see schedule) to the Safe Delivery program at the Michigan Primary Care Association in Lansing. Fax number: 517-381-8008, or email to MichSafeDelivery@gmail.com
4. The information that should be recorded includes the following:
 - Date of presentation/exhibit or contact.
 - Specify how the information was disseminated: exhibit, presentation, one-on-one contact, community bulletin boards, etc.
 - The agency name, address, or location where information was presented/distributed.
 - The targeted audience and approximate number of participants.
 - What resource materials were distributed for example, DHS Pub 864, emery boards, wallet cards, English and Spanish posters, etc.
 - Number of hours donated to your efforts.



WHY DOES MY AGENCY NEED TO ORDER MICHIGAN'S ADOPTION AGENCY HANDBOOK?

The Safe Delivery *Adoption Agency Handbook* has been prepared to offer Michigan's adoption agencies who have agreed to accept a surrendered newborn, the tools and information necessary to ensure a successful surrender and placement with a prospective adoptive family under the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law.*



HANDBOOK

HOW/WHAT/WHERE?

Please complete and submit this form via fax or mail. By placing this order, you will receive:

- ✓ The *Michigan Adoption Agency Handbook* which includes:
 - ✓ Policy development guidelines
 - ✓ Model policies
 - ✓ Flow chart
 - ✓ Frequently Asked Questions
 - ✓ Resource materials
 - ✓ Advocacy and Training Outlines
 - ✓ DVD

Fax to: 517-381-8008

Mail to: Michigan Primary Care Association
7215 Westshire Drive
Lansing, MI 48917

Questions? Email: MichSafeDelivery@gmail.com

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Type of Agency:

- Adoption Agency Adoption Attorney
 Circuit Court Department of Human Services
 Other

Agency Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Agency Contact: _____

Please send: _____ **number of handbooks**

*For more information on Safe Delivery law and procedures, go to the Safe Delivery Web site at www.michigan.safedelivery, or call the **Safe Delivery of Newborns Hotline 1-866-733-7733**.*

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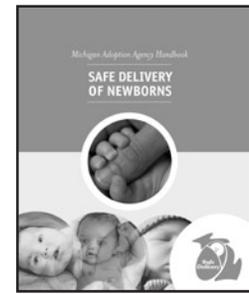
SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS SITE KIT ORDER FORM

WHY DOES MY AGENCY NEED TO ORDER A SAFE DELIVERY KIT?

Under the Safe Delivery of Newborns legislation enacted in 2000 and amended in 2006, you, as either a fire department, police station, hospital, paramedic or emergency medical technician are designated as an emergency service provider* (ESP). As such, you are mandated to accept any unwanted newborn brought to your facility within 72 hours of birth in a "safe, legal and anonymous manner."



SIGN



HANDBOOK

HOW/WHAT/WHERE?

Please complete and submit this form via fax or mail. By placing this order, you will receive:

- ✓ Safe Delivery Sign (two styles available)
- ✓ Readiness Checklist
- ✓ The *Michigan Safe Delivery Response and Resource Handbook* which includes:
 - ✓ Policy development guidelines
 - ✓ Model policies
 - ✓ Surrender flow chart
 - ✓ Frequently Asked Questions
 - ✓ Brochures, materials, etc.

Fax to: 517-381-8008

Mail to: Michigan Primary Care Association
7215 Westshire Drive
Lansing, MI 48917

Questions? Email: MichSafeDelivery@gmail.com

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Type of Agency: Hospital
 Fire Department
 Police Station
 EMS

Agency Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Agency Contact: _____

Please send: Handbook
 18" x 18" aluminum sign
 8" x 8" window decal
 Handbook updates

For more information on Safe Delivery law and procedures, go to the Safe Delivery Web site at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery. For more information on obtaining Safe Delivery kits and/or signs, call the **Safe Delivery of Newborns Hotline 1-866-733-7733**.

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Special thanks to **Zoot! Advertising Design** for the creation of the Safe Delivery logo and the Children's Trust Fund for supporting the initial development of the kits.

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MICHIGAN'S SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS

FREE PUBLIC AWARENESS RESOURCES ORDER FORM

Michigan's Safe Delivery of Newborns law (effective January 1, 2001) provides legal protections for a parent(s) to surrender a newborn within 72 hours of birth in a safe and anonymous manner to an Emergency Service Provider (ESP): on-duty fire, police and hospital personnel or a paramedic or emergency medical technician who responds to a 9 -1-1 emergency call. The Safe Delivery of Newborns law allows a parent(s) with an unplanned, hidden pregnancy an alternative to infant abandonment or infanticide. To ensure public awareness of this law we are enlisting the assistance of community agencies and organizations to assist us in reaching all women/parents who might wish to surrender a newborn using the Safe Delivery option.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Several materials are available to you which will both thoroughly acquaint you with Safe Delivery and offer you ways to publicize and inform the public of this law. Please complete and submit this form via fax or mail, identifying the requested materials.

Fax to: 517-381-8008

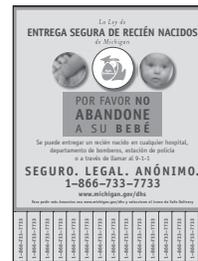
Mail to: Michigan Primary Care Association
7215 Westshire Drive
Lansing, MI 48917

Questions? Email: MichSafeDelivery@gmail.com

For more information and resources on Safe Delivery law and procedures, go to the Safe Delivery Web site at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery. For additional information call the **Safe Delivery Hotline at 1-866-733-7733**.



**8 1/2 X 11
TEAR-OFF
FLYER (ENGLISH)**



**8 1/2 X 11
TEAR-OFF
FLYER (SPANISH)**



EMERY BOARDS



WALLET CARD

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Type of Agency/Organization:

- School (public, alternative)
- College/University
- Public Health
- Human Services
- Health Care facility/Clinic
- Church/religious organization
- Counseling Center
- Other _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Contact: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Please send:

- 8 1/2" x 11" Tear-off Flyer (English) Quantity _____
- 8 1/2" x 11" Tear-off Flyer (Spanish) Quantity _____
- Emery Boards, Quantity _____
- 3 1/2" x 2" Wallet Resource Card, Quantity _____

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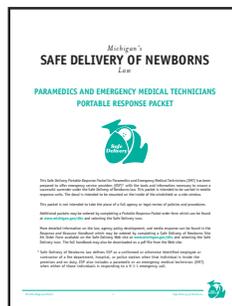


SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS PORTABLE RESPONSE PACKET ORDER FORM

WHY DOES MY AGENCY NEED PORTABLE RESPONSE PACKETS?

Under the Safe Delivery of Newborns legislation enacted in 2000 and amended in 2006, you as an emergency service provider (ESP)* are mandated to accept surrendered newborns. **ESP includes a paramedic or an emergency medical technician (EMT) when either of those individuals is responding to a 9-1-1 emergency call.** As such you are mandated to accept any unwanted newborn surrendered to you within 72 hours of birth in a "safe, legal and anonymous manner."

The Safe Delivery *Portable Response Packet for Paramedics and EMTs* has been prepared to offer emergency service providers the tools and information necessary to ensure a successful surrender under the Safe Delivery of Newborns law. This packet is intended to be carried in mobile response units. The decal is intended to be mounted on the inside of the windshield or a side window.



RESPONSE PACKET



WINDOW DECAL

HOW/WHAT/WHERE?

Please complete and submit this form via fax or mail. By placing this order, you will receive:

- ✓ Safe Delivery 3" window decal
- ✓ Durable poly envelope ready to insert into a 3 ring binder which includes:
 - ✓ Readiness Checklist
 - ✓ Law Brief
 - ✓ Flow Chart
 - ✓ Surrender Checklist
 - ✓ Parent Packet Description
 - ✓ Model Parent Packet

Fax to: 517-381-8008

Mail to: Michigan Primary Care Association
7215 Westshire Drive
Lansing, MI 48917

Questions? Email: MichSafeDelivery@gmail.com

SHIPPING INFORMATION

- Type of Agency:**
- Public (government owned)
 - Private not-for-profit Contractor
 - Private for profit
 - Hospital based

Agency Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Agency Contact: _____

Please send: _____ Number of mobile unit packets*
_____ Number of window decals

* Order only for mobile units that would likely be dispatched to a surrender and one to keep at the home base.

More detailed information on the law, agency policy development, and media response can be found in the *Response and Resource Handbook* which may be ordered by completing a Safe Delivery of Newborns Site Kit Order Form available on the Safe Delivery Web site at www.michigan.gov/safedelivery. The full handbook may also be downloaded as a pdf file from the Web site. For more information on obtaining Safe Delivery kits and/or signs, call the **Safe Delivery of Newborns Hotline 1-866-733-7733**.

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“Surrendering a newborn is truly a courageous and loving act for a parent with an unplanned pregnancy. There is no greater gift than the chance to be adopted and the opportunity to experience life.”

*~ Jean M. Hoffman
Former Adoption Program Director,
Michigan Family Independence Agency*



The Michigan Department of Human Services

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Lansing, MI 48909
www.michigan.gov/dhs

The Michigan Department of Community Health

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Lansing, MI 48913
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