

Indiana Putative Father Registry

A putative father registry has been established to determine the identity and location of an undisclosed putative father who may have conceived a child for whom an adoption petition has been or may be filed in order to provide notice of the adoption to the putative father.

A "putative father" is a man who may be a child's father, but who is not married to the child's mother on or before the date that the child is born or who has not established paternity of the child in a court proceeding before the filing of an adoption petition for the child. A putative father whose identity is not disclosed by the child's mother to an attorney or agency arranging the adoption, must register to be entitled to receive notice of the child's adoption.

For an adoption filed in Indiana of a child conceived in another state, which has a putative father registry, Indiana Code §31-19-4-3(c) provides that a putative father must register with the putative father registry in the state of conception the earlier of the (a) date allowed for registration in the state of conception and (b) date for registering in Indiana in order to receive notice of the adoption. The time to register in Indiana expires 30 days from birth.

To register, contact:

Putative Father Registry

Indiana State Dept. of Health

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[Putative Father Registry Form](#)

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