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HOW DO I ADD MY NAME TO THE PUTATIVE FATHER REGISTRY?

If the natural (biological) father of a child wishes to register a claim of paternity, he may request to have his name placed on the Putative Father Registry by completing a Registration of Notice of Commencement of Paternity Proceedings form*. The registry **DOES NOT** establish paternity or place the putative father's name on the birth certificate. The information provided on the registry form may be released to an entitled party requesting a search to see if anyone registered a claim of paternity for a child that has been placed for adoption or foster care.

If you would like additional information regarding the putative father registry, please refer to Idaho Code §16-1513.

If you are unable to print the form, it can be obtained by contacting this office at 208-334-5980; we will mail the form to you.

The form also provides information regarding additional steps required to claim rights of paternity.

The form must be signed in the presence of a notary public, and then submitted with the \$10.00 registry fee to Vital Records, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036.

A person who knowingly or intentionally falsely files or registers as a putative father is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The Idaho Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics does not have a public counter. Your request may be dropped off in our lobby drop box located at 450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho 83702, or mailed to our post office box:

VITAL RECORDS
P.O. BOX 83720
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* Please visit the following website to obtain forms:
<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/health/vitalrecordsandhealthstatistics/legal/tabid/1507/default.aspx>