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Completing the Acknowledgement of Paternity Form

What Parents Should Know



Did You Know?

The Acknowledgement of Paternity (AOP) form may be completed, and filed with the state of Maine at any time after the birth, up until the child reaches the age of 18 years.

Other important information about completing an AOP

1. Where can the AOP be signed and notarized and are there fees?

- At the hospital at time of birth - no fee
- At any municipal clerk's office - may have a notarization fee
- At the Maine Office of Vital Records - no fee
- In front of any authorized Notary Public – may have a notarization fee

2. How is the AOP filed with the state of Maine?

- The hospital will submit the AOP to the Office of Vital Records if completed at the hospital at time of birth
- Parents are responsible for submitting the completed AOP to the Office of Vital Records, if the AOP is not completed at the hospital at time of birth

3. Where can I get a copy of the AOP form?

- A copy of the AOP form can be downloaded here:
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/dser/pdf/AOP.pdf>

4. The completed AOP must be delivered to the Office of Vital Records and filed with the state before the child's 18th birthday

For additional information please go to the Maine.gov webpage and search under "Vital Records"

In the case of an emergency or questions please contact the Office of Vital Records at (207) 287-3771

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