

(d) "Father" means the man who is the [natural] BIRTH father of a child under § 5-310 of this subtitle.

(e) "Guardianship" means guardianship with the right to consent to adoption or long-term care short of adoption.

(f) "Independent adoption" means an adoption in which the arrangement for adoption is not made by a child placement agency.

(g) "Minor parent" means a parent who, at the time of giving consent to guardianship or adoption of the parent's child, is a minor.

(H) "NONIDENTIFYING INFORMATION" MEANS ANY INFORMATION THAT DOES NOT REVEAL THE LOCATION OR IDENTITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

[(h)](I) "Placement for adoption" means the placement of a child to live with a family or individual approved for adoption by a child placement agency, with the intent that the child be adopted by the family or individual.

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(a) (1) (I) ON REQUEST BY AN ADOPTED INDIVIDUAL OR BIRTH PARENT OF AN ADOPTED ADULT, A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE ANY MEDICAL OR NONIDENTIFYING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN ITS ADOPTION RECORDS WITHOUT THE SHOWING OF ANY NEED FOR THE MEDICAL OR NONIDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

[(i)](II) On petition by an adopted individual OR BIRTH PARENT OF AN ADOPTED ADULT, a court shall order that part of a court record or [adoption] CHILD PLACEMENT agency record containing medical OR NONIDENTIFYING information be opened to inspection by the individual.

[(ii)](III) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, an adopted individual OR BIRTH PARENT OF AN ADOPTED ADULT filing a petition under subparagraph [(i)] (II) of this paragraph may not be required to make any particular showing of need for the medical OR NONIDENTIFYING information.

(2) In the case of [an adoption] A CHILD PLACEMENT agency record, the court may not grant the petition unless the [adoption] CHILD PLACEMENT agency has refused to release the medical OR NONIDENTIFYING information.

(b) The court may not order opened for inspection any part of a record that contains any information that reveals the location or identity of the individual's [natural] BIRTH parents.

(c) (1) If neither the court record nor the [adoption] CHILD PLACEMENT agency record contain needed medical information, on petition by an adopted individual, a court may appoint an intermediary to attempt to establish contact with the adopted individual's [natural] BIRTH parents in order to obtain the needed medical information.