

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.21532 Acknowledgment of parentage.**

Sec. 21532.

(1) A hospital shall provide to an unmarried mother of a live child born in that hospital an acknowledgment of parentage form that can be completed by the child's mother and father to acknowledge paternity of the child as provided in the acknowledgment of parentage act. The hospital shall provide to the parents the information developed as required by subsection (2) on the purpose and completion of the form and on the rights and responsibilities of the parents. Execution of an acknowledgment of parentage as provided in the acknowledgment of parentage act establishes the child's legal paternity. The hospital shall forward a completed acknowledgment of parentage to the state register for recording.

(2) The department shall develop and distribute free of charge to hospitals the acknowledgment of parentage form, the information on the purpose and completion of the form, and the information on the rights and responsibilities of the parents. The hospital shall provide assistance and training to hospital staff assigned responsibility for obtaining the forms, as appropriate. The acknowledgment of parentage form and information shall clearly state that completion of the form is voluntary on the part of the mother and father, and shall include all of the notices as provided in section 7 of the acknowledgment of parentage act. The hospital shall provide each parent with a copy of the completed form.

(3) A hospital is immune from civil or criminal liability for providing the form required by this section, the information developed as required by this section, or otherwise fulfilling its duties under this section.

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