



PLEASE Complete Before You are Discharged and DO NOT take the worksheet home! Doing So May Result in your Baby Not Being Registered Correctly

The purpose of the birth certificate worksheet is to collect information that is requested by Georgia Department of Public Health Division of Vital Records. The birth certificate is used for several reasons including but not limited to: establishing identity, tax purposes, enrolling in school, obtaining health insurance and applying for a driver's license.

Q: What if I do not complete and submit the birth certificate worksheet before I am discharged?

A: We strongly suggest and encourage parents to complete the worksheet before discharge. If the worksheet cannot be completed before discharge, the vital record's specialist will make three (3) attempts to contact you by phone and/or email. If the specialist is unsuccessful in reaching you, your baby's birth will be registered with the state as incomplete. Your baby will be registered as Baby Boy or Baby Girl with mom's last name (legal last name) and as parents you will be required to complete the registration of your baby with the State and register your child for a social security number. Note: The Department of Public Health Division of Vital Records mandates that all infants born in the State of Georgia are registered with the State within 5 calendar days of the baby's birth.

Q: Will I receive a birth certificate from the hospital?

A: No, the hospital does not provide certified copies of birth certificates. The hospital will provide Confirmation of Birth by mail and or email that you may use for insurances purposes. You may request a certified birth certificate from your local county office, the State Office of Vital Records, or online using an approved third-party vendor (ROVER or Vital Chek). <u>Vital Records | Georgia Department of Public Health</u> There is a \$25 fee for certified copies of birth certificates.

Q: How can I request a social security number for my child?

A: Simply by checking "YES" in the box on this worksheet, you are authorizing the hospital to share information with the Social Security Administration resulting in a social security card for your baby. To follow up on the issuance of your child's card, call 1-800-772-1213.

Q: What is Paternity Acknowledgement?

A: Under the Georgia law, an acknowledgment or determination of paternity establishes the biological condition of being a father. However, it does not establish a legal relationship between the father and child that offers custody or visitation rights. To do so, it is imperative that you complete legitimation at your local court. The Paternity Acknowledgment is a document that when signed by both parents and notarized allows the father's name to be included on the birth certificate, permission to be registered with the father's surname, and the father will automatically be added to the Georgia's Putative Father Registry. Note: As a courtesy to our patients, the Vital Records Staff provides free notary services to parents Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm by appointment.

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Q: What if I am unable to complete the Paternity Acknowledgement before discharge? A: The notary service at the hospital is a courtesy. The main overseer of the Paternity Acknowledgment Program for the state of Georgia is the Department of Public Health Division of Vital Records. After hospital discharge parents may:

A: Complete the Paternity Acknowledgment form at a local Vital Records Department, have signature notarized and mail the form to Vital Records Department: 1680 Phoenix Boulevard, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30349.

Q: What are the acceptable identifications I can use to complete a Paternity Acknowledgment?

A: Acceptable Un-expired IDs are:

- A hard copy Georgia driver's license or non-driver's identification card (unexpired or expired for less than a year) A non-expired driver's license or non-driver's identification card issued by a territory of the United States, another state, Canada, or Mexico may also be accepted. Paper IDs not accepted.
- 2. U.S. Passport-Unexpired
- 3. A foreign passport stamped by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services
- 4. An identification card issued by any branch of the military for active-duty personnel, retirees, or dependents
- 5. An identification card issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (example: Permanent Resident Card)
- 6. Employer Picture Identification Card
- 7. Unexpired Consulated Card
- 8. Department of Corrections Identification Card
- 9. State of Georgia Weapons Carry License
- 10. Transporation ID
- 11. Student ID (must be current year with Student number)

Q: How do I contact someone if I have further questions?

A: You may call your vital records specialist at the hospital or email us at www.vitalrecords@piedmont.org with any questions or concerns.

Q: How do I add my baby to my insurance plan?

A: Your baby will need a Confirmation of Birth to be enrolled as a new member on your current plan, most health plans have 30 days maximum deadline to add your baby. Therefore, it is imperative to complete the birth worksheet as soon as possible after delivery of your baby before discharge. Please provide an email to prevent delays.

• To contact the Vital Records Specialist at the hospital where you are currently admitted, please call. You can check to find your location to purchase the birth certificate at: www.dph.georgia.gov/location

| Piedmont Athens Regional (706) 475-4148 | Piedmont Eastside Medical (770) 736-2411 | Piedmont Newnan Hospital (770) 400-4174 |
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| Piedmont Atlanta Hospital (404) 605-3604 | Piedmont Fayette Hospital (770) 719-7048 | Piedmont Newton Hospital (770) 385-4274 |
| Piedmont Augusta Hospital (706) 774-2281 | Piedmont Henry Hospital (678) 604-5073 | Piedmont Rockdale Hospital (770) 918-3384 |
| Piedmont Cartersville Hospital (470) 490-2782 | Piedmont Macon Medical (478) 751-0391 | Piedmont Walton Hospital (770) 267-1885 |
| Piedmont Columbus Regional (706) 660-2739 | Piedmont Mountainside Hospital (770) 400-4174 | |

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The information you provide below will be used to create your child's birth certificate. The birth certificate is a document that will be used for legal purposes to prove your child's age, citizenship, and parentage. This document will be used by your child throughout his/her life. State laws provide protection against the unauthorized release of identifying information from the birth certificates to ensure the confidentiality of the parents and their child. (See O.C.G.A. 31-10 for Georgia laws governing Vital Records, specifically O.C.G.A. 31-10-9 Registration of Births)

It is very important that you provide complete and accurate information to all the questions. In addition to information used for legal purposes, other information from the birth certificate is used by health and medical researchers to study and improve the health of mothers and newborn infants. Items such as parent's education, race, and smoking will be used for studies but will not appear on copies of the birth certificate issued to you or your child.

All information on the mother should be for the woman who delivered the infant. In cases of surrogacy or gestational carrier, the name and identifying information should come from the intended parents, and the medical and demographic information should be that of the surrogate or the gestational carrier, that is, the woman who delivered the infant. Hospital staff shall enter the birth certificate information according to the parentage order issued by the court.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY AND CORRECTLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.

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| 4. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) | 5. TIME | OF BIRTH (A.M., P.M., OR MILITARY) | - | 6. CHILD'S SEX (MALE, FEMALE, UNKNOWN, NOT YET DETERMINED) | | |
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| 7. PARENT(S) AUTHORIZE RELEASE O | F INFORM | MATION TO SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINIS | STRA | TION TO ISSUE CHILD A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. | | |
| YES NO | | | | | | |
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| 8. INFORMANT'S NAME (FIRST) (PERSON PROVIDING INFORMATION | FOR | (MIDDLE) | | (LAST) | (SUFFIX) | |
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| 9. RELATION TO CHILD | | | | | | |
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| Section 2: FACILITY INFORMA | TION | | | | | |
| 10. PLACE OF BIRTH TYPE | | | | | | |
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| Section 3: MOTHER (PARENT ONE) INFORMATION | | | | | | |
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| 14. NAME: (FIRST) | (MIDDLE) | | (LAST) | | | |
| 15. NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE: (FIRST) | (MIDDLE) | | (LAST) | | | |
| 16. DATE OF BIRTH | 17. BIRTHPLACE (STATE IN U.S. OR CO | OUNTRY) | 18. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | | | |
| 19. MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED AT THE TIME OF CONCEPTION OR TIME OF BIRTH? IF NOT MARRIED, HAS AN ORDER OF PATERNITY OR LEGITIMATION BEEN ISSUED BY A COURT? HAVE BOTH MOTHER AND FATHER CONSENTED IN WRITING TO HAVE FATHER'S NAME ON THE CERTIFICATION OR HAVE THEY BOTH SIGNED A PATERNITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT? UNKNOWN | | | | | | |
| 20. DATE PATERNITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT OR LEGITIMATION SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | | |
| 21. NUMBER AND STREET OF RESIDENCE RESIDING AT CURRENT ADDRESS FOR YEARS MONTHS | | | | | | |
| 22. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION 23. RESIDENCE STATE 24. COUNTY 25. ZIP CODE INSIDE CITY LIMITS YES NO UNKNOWN | | | | | | |
| 26. MAILING ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP, COUNTY) MAILING ADDRESS SAME AS ABOVE | | | | | | |
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| 31. PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME: | | | | | | |



| 32. EMPLOYED DURING LAST YEAR | | | | | |
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| 37. ETHNICITY | | | | | |
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| 55. EMPLOYED DURING LAST YEAR | | | | | |
| YES NO UNKNOWN | | | | | |
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| Section 5: MOTHER (PARENT ONE) MEDICAL 60. MEDICAL RECORD # | | | | | |
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| 61. PRE-PREGNANCY WEIGHT: | 62. WEIGHT AT DELIVERY | | | | |
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| 63. HEIGHT | 64. DID MOTHER RECEIVE WIC DURING THIS PREGNANCY | | | | |
| FEET INCHES UNKNOWN | YES NO UNKNOWN | | | | |
| 65. DID MOTHER USE ALCOHOL DURING PREGNANCY? | 66. IF YES, HOW MANY DRINKS PER WEEK? | | | | |
| YES NO UNKNOWN | | | | | |
| 67. DID MOTHER SMOKE CIGARETTES BEFORE OR DURING THIS PREGNANCY? R | EFFERS TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS ONLY, NOT E-CIGARETTES. | | | | |
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| Section 6: PARENT SIGNATURE | | | | | |
| 68. ATTESTATION FOR PARENT OR OTHER PERSON PROVIDING INFORMATION F | FOR THIS WORKSHEET | | | | |
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| I (PRINT FULL NAME), | | | | | |
| HEREBY ATTEST THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE AND ACCURATE. | | | | | |
| 69. PARENT OR OTHER PERSON PROVIDING INFORMATION | | | | | |
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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY AND CORRECTLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK. WHITE-OUTS, CROSS-OUTS, AND ALTERATIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED. PLEASE SEE PAGE TWO FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

| Section 1: FOR STATE OFFICE OF | VITAL RECORDS ONLY | | | | | |
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| DATE RECEIVED: | | | STATE FILE NUMBI | ER: | | |
| Section 2: CHILD/PARENT'S INFO | RMATION | | FACILITY NAME: | | | |
| We are requesting that the name of th | | e birth o | | child be named: | | |
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| The father acknowledges that he is the | hiological (natural) father of the | hild hor | rn to: | | | |
| MOTHER'S LEGAL FIRST NAME | MOTHER'S LEGAL MIDDLE NAME | inia boi | MOTHER'S LEGAL LAST NAME | | MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME | |
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| PLEASE CHECK: By signing this document | | | | | | |
| stated in this document are true. Pursuant to MOTHER'S INFORMATION: ADDRESS (STREET NAI | | se stateme | ent on this document may g | o to prison for up to five yea | rs and be fined up to \$10,000. | |
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| MOTHER'S SIGNATURE | | | T/LEGAL GUARDIAN'S SIGNATU IMENDED.) | L RE (IF MOTHER IS A MINOR UN | DER AGE 18, A PARENTAL CONSENT IS | |
| Section 4: MOTHER'S NOTARY IN | IFORMATION | | | PLEASE PLACE THE NOTARY SEA | I RELOW | |
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| Section 5: FATHER'S INFORMATION | ON | | | | SHARE WAS ARREST | |
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PURPOSE

The Paternity Acknowledgment (PA) is a voluntary agreement between the mother and the biological father to add the father's name to the birth record. The PA helps establish the father and child relationship. The child's name can also be changed within the first year of birth if agreed upon by both the mother and father. A PA cannot be used if the mother was married to anyone within 10 months before the birth of this child or if, for any reason, there is another father of this child listed on the child's birth certificate.

The PA, once completed and signed in the presence of a notary public, will be forwarded to the State Office of Vital Records where it will be entered into the State Putative Father Registry and considered a Vital Record. If both parents do not sign a PA before leaving the hospital or birthing facility, only the mother's name and the child's name will be entered on the birth certificate. The PA may be signed before a notary later and mailed to the State Office of Vital Records. Upon receipt of an acceptable PA form, the certificate of birth will be amended to add the name of the father and to change the child's name, if requested. For information on how to rescind a signed PA, contact either the State Office or a local County Vital Records Office.

Notice: Establishment of paternity does not entitle the father to custody, visitation or rights of inheritance from or to a child. Those rights must be established by the filing of a petition for legitimation with the court.

MINOR PARENT

An unwed parent under the age of 18 may sign the PA form without parental consent. However, parental consent is recommended.

RESCISSION

Either the mother or biological father has 60 days from the date of his/her signature to request to rescind this PA. After the 60-day rescission period has ended, this signed document may constitute a legal determination of paternity and can only be challenged in a court of law based on fraud, duress, or material mistake of fact, with the burden of proof on the person challenging the acknowledgment. See Rescission Form 3956 https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/rescission-statement-form-pdf/download

Notice: The Rescission Form does not remove the father. To have the father's name removed or other amendment made to the birth certificate, a determination of paternity must be made by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to OCGA 31-10-23. A certified copy of the court order that determines paternity and directs the amendment of the birth certificate of the child named above must be furnished to the State Office of Vital Records before this action can occur.

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Signing the PA is strictly voluntary.
- 2. The mother should not sign the PA unless she is confident that the father signing is the biological father of this child.
- 3. The father should not sign the PA unless he is confident that he is the biological father of this child.
- 4. By signing this document, it will be presumed by law that the male signer is the biological father of this child, and the child's birth certificate will reflect this fact.
- 5. Any change made to the birth record in the future regarding the child's information, mother's information, or father's information will require a court order.
- 6. The PA must be notarized and filed with the State Office of Vital Records within 30 days of execution.
- 7. Each parent is entitled to a copy of the PA after it has been signed and notarized.

Notice: There is a \$10.00 processing fee for this form if the request is submitted after one year. If this request is being mailed, please forward this completed form with a U.S. Money Order or certified check for the correct amount made payable to the State Office of Vital Records. A valid copy of your Photo ID must accompany this request. Please do not send cash by mail.