

**Notice to Mother of Intent to Establish Paternity
 and Support**

**Child Support Recovery Unit
 Iowa Department of Human Services**

Alleged Father: _____
 Mother: _____
 Payee/Caretaker: _____
 Dependents: _____

Docket No. _____
 County: _____
 CSC No. _____

Date Prepared: _____

It is important that you read this notice. The Child Support Recovery Unit (the Unit) is beginning an action to establish paternity, naming _____ as the possible biological father of the following children:

<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>

Iowa Code chapters 252F and 252E¹ give chapter 252F gives the Unit the authority to seek an order to establish paternity, child support, and medical support obligations.² Iowa has personal jurisdiction over _____.³ Entry of a paternity and support order in Iowa will not violate 28 USC section 1738B.⁴

Determining the Support Obligation We need you to provide verified financial information within **10 days** of the date you receive this notice. Follow the instructions in the enclosed REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT. When we receive your financial information, we will calculate the current and/or accrued child support obligation(s)⁵.

Before entering an order, we will give or send you⁶ a worksheet showing how the amount of support was calculated and which parent will be ordered to provide medical support.

How is Medical Support Set? Medical support is either health care coverage or cash medical support. Health care coverage includes private health insurance plans (obtained through an employer or purchased privately) and public coverage (like Title 19 or *hawk-i*). We review each parent's financial information to determine what medical support to include in the order. There are several steps to identify the appropriate type of medical support. The requirement to include medical support in orders and the steps we use to determine the appropriate medical support are outlined in Iowa Code chapter 252E.

The law defines an accessible plan as one with no service area limitations, or if it has limitations, the dependent lives within 30 miles or 30 minutes of a network primary care provider. Both parents may consent to a plan if it doesn't meet the definition of accessible. The law defines reasonable cost as 5% or less of gross income. The parent ordered may consent to provide a plan that costs more.

Either parent may provide health care coverage through a stepparent. A parent may object to a stepparent providing a health benefit plan. If a parent objects for this reason in writing, the court will decide the issue based on what is equitable to the parties and children.

Contesting this Notice Even though you have named _____ as the father of your child(ren), you have the right to contest this paternity action. To contest paternity, send a **written request** for genetic testing to the office listed below **within 20 days** of the date shown on this notice.

If paternity is contested, we will mail⁷ you an order for genetic testing to find out if _____ is the father unless the law allows use of prior specimens and results.

Your Right to Intervene in this Action You have not been named as a party to this action at this time. This means we will **not** notify you of every action we take in establishing paternity and support. If genetic tests are ordered we will notify you and you will have to appear for genetic tests unless the law allows use of prior specimens and results. We will also send you a copy of the genetic tests results. If a court hearing is scheduled, you may be required to appear and testify at the hearing. After the final order of paternity and support is issued, we will send you a copy of the order.

To become a party to receive notice of upcoming actions and request a court hearing, you must ask the district court for permission to intervene in this action. If you do not know how to do this, you should immediately contact a private attorney⁸ for advice and assistance. We may add you as a party if there is a request for a court hearing, or if we will seek an order for you to provide medical support. If you have any other questions, you may visit or telephone us.

Worker Name

Child Support Recovery Unit

Phone: _____

Copy to:

¹ Based on chapter Iowa Code chapter 252E, either or both parents may be ordered to get health care coverage for the child(ren). It has to be available when the order is entered, or in some limited circumstances, become available later. If there is no health care coverage ~~benefit plan~~ available, the alleged father may be ordered to pay cash medical support. There are some exceptions to providing cash medical support as listed in Iowa Code chapter 252E:

- Due to the amount of the alleged father’s net monthly income, a minimum order amount applies under the medical support table (see the child support guidelines);
- No health benefit plan is available and there is no income subject to income withholding;
- You have asked us to change the obligation through a cost-of-living alteration;
- The alleged father receives Family Investment Plan (FIP) assistance or lives with a child receiving FIP, Title 19 or *hawk-i*.

² The authority is further defined in 28 USC 1738B, Iowa Code chapter 252K, if applicable and 441 IAC 95, 98, 99.

³ Iowa has jurisdiction
 because he lives in Iowa.
 because he lived in Iowa with the child(ren) from approximately _____ through _____.
 because he lived in Iowa with the child(ren) from approximately _____ through _____, and provided prenatal expenses or support for the child(ren).
 because _____ caused the child(ren) to live in Iowa through the following actions:

because he had sexual intercourse in Iowa with the other parent which may have resulted in the conception of the following child(ren):

<i>Child</i>	<i>Time Period of Possible Conception</i>		
		through	
		through	
		through	
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		through	

- because he claimed to be the other parent of a child either through the declaration of paternity registry maintained by the Iowa Department of Public Health according to Iowa Code section 144.12A, or by completing a paternity affidavit according to Iowa Code section 252A.3A.
- because he submitted to Iowa jurisdiction by consent in a record, or by providing a document that has the same effect of waiving any contest to personal jurisdiction.
- because he had enough minimum contacts with the State of Iowa which are:

- ⁴ We are not aware of any separate action for child support, affecting _____ and the child(ren) named in this notice, which has started or which is pending in Iowa or another state.
- A separate action for child support involving _____ and the same child(ren) is pending under Docket # _____ in the State of _____, _____ County. We may continue, however, because this action complies with 28 USC section 1738B or Iowa Code chapter 252K.
- ⁵ The child support amounts will be set in accordance with the Child Support Guidelines, Iowa Code section 598.21B and the criteria for determining parents' income set out in Iowa Code section 252B.7A.
- ⁶ Provided in person or by mail to your last known address or that of your attorney.
- ⁷ That order will be mailed to you at your last known address or that of your attorney.
- ⁸ If you choose to have an attorney, it will be at your own expense.