



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Social Services

Child Support Services

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March 14, 2012

Dear County Director of Social Services  
Dear County Child Support Managers

Reference: Paternity Disestablishment

The statutory change that allows actions to set aside paternity or support became effect on January 1, 2012. Training was conducted in December to assist CS agency attorneys to prepare and defend these actions. Several other initiatives are being offered to guide case managers and attorneys in handling these actions. These include:

- CS Manual – Material has been added to Chapter I - Paternity, at I06A, I06B, & I06C, that includes policy and procedures for case management of disestablishment actions.
- A Paternity Disestablishment Actions Chart that can serve as a quick reference guide to case management is attached here and will be placed at the CSE Internal website's CSE Training page under "Training Resources".
- Sample orders and attorney checklists are available at the CS Internal website's CS Forms and Documents Page.
- The January 13, 2012 Managers Conference call will include presentation of portions of the December attorney training.
- Six sessions of "Paternity Basics" training being offered during January – April, 2012, will include discussion of procedures and issues relating to this legislation.

As we begin to encounter actions filed under this legislation, you may contact the Policy and Training staff and Assistant Attorney General Lisa Bradley for information and assistance. We also encourage you to let us know of issues and results of these actions in your counties.

If you have questions, please contact the Policy & Training staff at 919.855-4755.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy McArn".

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Judy McArn  
Assistant Chief of Program Operations

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