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07.07.04 Establishment of Paternity

Authority: Family Law Article, §§5-1005—5-1048, and 10-301—10-359, Annotated Code of Maryland (Agency Note: Federal Regulatory Reference — 45 CFR §§302.31, 303.5, and 305.24)

Notice of Proposed Action

[14-047-P]

The Secretary of Human Resources proposes to amend Regulation .04 under **COMAR 07.07.04 Establishment of Paternity**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to ensure that any Child Support Enforcement Administration-approved accrediting body of genetic testing laboratories is an accredited body designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in conformity with 42 U.S.C. §666 (a)(5)(F).

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Andrea Shuck, Regulations Coordinator, Department of Human Resources, 311 W. Saratoga St., Room 265, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-2149, or email to andrea.shuck@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-333-0637. Comments will be accepted through March 10, 2014. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.04 Paternity Testing Laboratories.

A. — B. (text unchanged)

C. A laboratory's application shall include:

(1) — (2) (text unchanged)

(3) Documentation establishing that the laboratory is accredited as described in [§§D and E] §D of this regulation.

D. [Except as provided in §E of this regulation, a] A laboratory included on the list shall be accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks' Parentage Testing Committee.

[E. A laboratory not accredited as provided in §D of this regulation may be listed if licensed in an appropriate specialty by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Laboratories Administration, as described in COMAR 10.10.01.]

[F.] E. (text unchanged)

[G.] F. The Administration shall delete a laboratory from the list if it ceases to meet the criteria in [§§D and E] §D of this regulation.

[H.] G. — [I.] H. (text unchanged)

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