

Child and Family Services PROGRAM STANDARDS MANUAL	Section: 502	Effective: Oct 1/88 Revised: Dec 1/99	Page: 1
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Subject: **DECLARATION OF PARTERNITY APPLICATIONS**

A man or a woman who wishes a man to be declared the father of a child may make application under Part II of *The Family Maintenance Act* to be so declared. This application is served on the Director of Child and Family Services.

STANDARDS

502.3 Accessing paternity registry

A child and family services agency placing a child for adoption calls the paternity registry at the Child and Family Support Branch for a paternity check **not earlier than 24 hours** prior to the proposed adoption placement.

502.5 Certification letters

Ward Adoption – The Director forwards to the child and family services agency a written certification that a paternity check was completed and that a notice of application under *The Family Maintenance Act* that a man be declared the father of the child, was not served within the time period specified by the Act.

Non-ward Adoption – The paternity check is done and certification forwarded to the court in response to receiving notice of application to court for an order or adoption prior to the date of the court hearing.