

4640.1400 CHILD WELFARE REPORTS.

Subpart 1. **Illegitimate birth reports.** Every illegitimate birth shall be reported to the commissioner of human services, on a form furnished by the commissioner, within 24 hours after the birth of the child.

Subp. 2. **Information confidential.** No member of the hospital staff, or employee of the hospital, shall give information regarding a maternity patient or her child where there is any question relative to the legitimacy of such birth except to a duly authorized representative of the commissioner of health or to the commissioner of human services or the duly authorized representatives.

Subp. 3. **Boarding infants in hospital.** No infant shall be retained in the hospital for care for more than 29 days following discharge of the mother except for prematurity, illness, or other physical reason which requires specialized hospital care.

Subp. 4. **Placement of children.** No member of the hospital staff or employee of the hospital shall place or participate in the placement of any child born in the hospital with any person other than a birth parent or member of the immediate family except in cooperation with an authorized child-placing agency.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 144.55; 144.56*

History: *L 1977 c 305 s 39; L 1984 c 654 art 5 s 58; L 1987 c 403 art 3 s 96; 17 SR 1279; L 1994 c 465 art 1 s 62; L 1994 c 631 s 31*

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