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(C) ADOPTION OF AN ADULT HAS THE SAME LEGAL EFFECT AS ADOPTION OF A MINOR.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Subsection (c) of this section is renumbered as subsection (d), to allow addition of new subsection (c), which is derived without substantive change from former FL § 5-308(c).

As to "adult" and "minor", see Art. 1, § 24 of the Code.

5-360. ACCESS FOR ADOPTIVE PARENT.

(A) ALLOWED.

SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ACCESS TO A DENTAL OR MEDICAL RECORD OF AN ADOPTED MINOR MAY NOT BE DENIED TO A PARENT OF THE MINOR BECAUSE THE PARENT IS AN ADOPTIVE PARENT.

(B) LIMIT ON IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

ACCESS TO A DENTAL OR MEDICAL RECORD UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT INCLUDE ACCESS TO ANY PART OF THE RECORD THAT HAS IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AS TO A FORMER PARENT OF THE MINOR.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is derived from former FL § 5-329.1.

In subsection (b) of this section, the word "natural", which formerly modified the reference to the former parent, is deleted to reflect that the parental rights of a nonbiological i.e., adoptive parent can be terminated in the same manner as a biological parent's can.

As to "minor", see Art. 1, § 24 of the Code.

Defined terms: "Identifying information" § 5-301
 "Include" § 1-101
 "Parent" § 5-301

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(b) (1) In [a case] AN ADOPTION PROCEEDING under this subtitle, a court shall appoint an attorney to represent a [child] PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE WHO:

(i) [who] IS AT LEAST 10 YEARS OLD; AND

(II) 1. IS A MINOR; OR

2. has a disability that makes the [child] PROSPECTIVE ADOPTEE incapable of effectively participating in the [case; or

(ii) if the child must decide whether to consent to the adoption, who is at least 10 years old] PROCEEDING.