

parent”, to encompass all individuals who currently are or at any time previously have been a “parent”. Accordingly, in subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to a “former” parent is omitted.

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the newly defined term “local department” is substituted for the former references to a “child placement agency”, for brevity and consistency with the revised scope of this subtitle. Defined terms: “Adoptive parent” § 5-101

“Identifying information” § 5-301

“Juvenile court” § 1-101

“Local department” § 1-101

“Parent” § 5-301

5-358. URGENTLY NEEDED MEDICAL INFORMATION.

(A) HEARING ON NEED.

IF, AFTER A HEARING ON A PETITION OF AN ADOPTEE OR FORMER PARENT, A JUVENILE COURT IS SATISFIED THAT THE ADOPTEE OR BLOOD RELATIVE OF THE ADOPTEE OR FORMER PARENT URGENTLY NEEDS MEDICAL INFORMATION NOT IN LOCAL DEPARTMENT AND JUVENILE COURT RECORDS, THE JUVENILE COURT MAY APPOINT AN INTERMEDIARY TO TRY TO CONTACT THE ADOPTEE OR A FORMER PARENT OF THE ADOPTEE FOR THE INFORMATION.

(B) ROLE OF INTERMEDIARY.

AN INTERMEDIARY APPOINTED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) MAY ONLY ADVISE AN ADOPTEE OR FORMER PARENT OF THE NEED FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION; AND

(2) MAY NOT:

(I) REVEAL ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT AN ADOPTEE OR FORMER PARENT; OR

(II) TRY, IN ANY MANNER, TO ENCOURAGE OR DISCOURAGE CONTACT BETWEEN AN ADOPTEE AND FORMER PARENT.

(C) REPORT TO COURT.

AN INTERMEDIARY APPOINTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL FILE WITH THE APPOINTING JUVENILE COURT A CONFIDENTIAL WRITTEN REPORT ON THE INTERMEDIARY'S EFFORTS TO CONTACT AN ADOPTEE OR FORMER PARENT.

(D) DISCLOSURE BY COURT.

WHEN A JUVENILE COURT RECEIVES A REPORT FROM AN INTERMEDIARY, THE JUVENILE COURT MAY DISCLOSE TO THE ADOPTEE OR FORMER PARENT, WITHOUT REVEALING IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT AN ADOPTEE OR FORMER PARENT: