

(4) IS IDENTIFIED BY THE NATURAL MOTHER AS THE FATHER OF THE INDIVIDUAL, UNLESS THE MAN SIGNS A DENIAL OF PATERNITY OR HIS NONPATERNITY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE COURT BY AFFIDAVIT OR TESTIMONY;

(5) HAS BEEN ADJUDICATED TO BE THE FATHER OF THE INDIVIDUAL; OR

(6) HAS ACKNOWLEDGED HIMSELF TO BE THE FATHER OF THE INDIVIDUAL, ORALLY OR IN WRITING, AND THE NATURAL MOTHER OF THE INDIVIDUAL AGREES THAT HE IS THE INDIVIDUAL'S NATURAL FATHER.

(B) MAN CLAIMING TO BE NATURAL FATHER.

(1) A PETITIONER UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL NOTIFY THE COURT IF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT MEET THE STANDARDS CRITERIA FOR BEING A NATURAL FATHER UNDER THIS SECTION CLAIMS TO BE THE NATURAL FATHER.

(2) AFTER RECEIPT OF NOTICE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE COURT SHALL HOLD A HEARING ON THE ISSUE OF PATERNITY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 16, § 68(e).

Throughout this section, the term "natural father" is substituted for the former word "father" to avoid confusion with an adoptive father.

Throughout subsection (a) of this section, the word "individual" is substituted for the former word "child", for consistency with other provisions in this subtitle.

In subsection (a)(6) of this section, the word "orally" is substituted for the former word "verbally", for clarity and in accordance with legislative intent.

For several reasons, the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code calls this section to the attention of the General Assembly. First, under a literal reading of subsection (a) of this section, more than 1 man could be the "natural father" of the same child, as, for example, when 1 man was married to the natural mother at conception and a different man was married to the natural mother at birth. This presents the possibility that the consent of multiple "natural fathers" could be required. Secondly, the General Assembly may have intended that the denial of paternity exception in subsection (a)(3) and (4) of this section also apply to subsection (a)(1) and (2) of this section. Finally, subsection (b) of this