- (d) (1) [An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN executed affidavit of parentage constitutes a [rebuttable presumption] LEGAL FINDING of parentage in a paternity proceeding.
- (2) (I) A FINDING OF PATERNITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE SET ASIDE ONLY IF ANY SIGNATORY TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF PARENTAGE RESCENDS THE AFFIDAVIT IN WRITING ON OR BEFORE:
 - 1. 60 DAYS AFTER EXECUTING THE AFFIDAVIT; OR
- 2. THE DATE OF ANY ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDING RELATING TO THE CHILD IN WHICH THE SIGNATORY IS A PARTY.
- (II) A PARTY CHALLENGING A LEGAL FINDING OF PATERNITY UNDER THIS SECTION HAS THE BURDEN OF PROOF OF SHOWING THAT THE AFFIDAVIT OF PARENTAGE WAS EXECUTED BECAUSE OF FRAUD, DURESS, OR A MATERIAL MISTAKE OF FACT, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF ANY SIGNATORY TO RESCIND THE AFFIDAVIT:
- (I) <u>IN WRITING WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER EXECUTION OF THE AFFIDAVIT: OR</u>
 - (II) IN A JUDICIAL PROCEEDING RELATING TO THE CHILD:
 - 1. IN WHICH THE SIGNATORY IS A PARTY; AND
 - 2 THAT OCCURS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE 60-DAY

PERIOD.

- (2) (I) AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE 60-DAY PERIOD, AN EXECUTED AFFIDAVIT OF PARENTAGE MAY BE CHALLENGED IN COURT ONLY ON THE BASIS OF FRAUD, DURESS, OR MATERIAL MISTAKE OF FACT.
- (II) THE BURDEN OF PROOF SHALL BE ON THE CHALLENGER TO SHOW FRAUD, DURESS, OR MATERIAL MISTAKE OF FACT.
- (III) THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF ANY SIGNATORY ARISING FROM THE AFFIDAVIT, INCLUDING CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS, MAY NOT BE SUSPENDED DURING THE CHALLENGE, EXCEPT FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.
- (e) The Administration shall prepare written information to be furnished to unmarried mothers under § 4-208 of the Health General Article concerning the benefits of having the paternity of their children established, including the availability of child support enforcement services.
- (f) The Department shall make the standardized affidavit forms available to all hospitals in the State.
- (g) The Secretary, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Hospital Association, shall adopt regulations governing the provisions of this section and § 4-208 of the Health General Article.