

PA Adoption Legislative Update:

On November 3, 2016, House Bill 162 was signed by Governor Wolf as **Act 127 of 2016**. This Act outlines the process and requirements for adoptees to receive a non-certified copy of their original birth records. The original birth record provides adoptees with their original birth name, birthdate, county of birth, and the name(s) and age(s) of their birthparent(s).

The Act took effect on November 3, 2017. The direct link to the page to access information and forms is <http://www.health.pa.gov/MyRecords/Certificates/Pages/Adoption.aspx> .

Birthparents wishing to redact their names from this document must submit a **Name Redaction Request (NRR) Form** through the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Statistics and Registries.

Information for Birthparents Regarding Act 127

Birthparents wishing to redact their names from the noncertified copy of the original birth record for an adopted individual must submit a **Name Redaction Request (NRR) Form**. This form must be received and processed by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Statistics and Registries (BHSR) prior to BHSR processing the Adoptee's Application for Noncertified Copy of Original Birth Record. Once a birth parent's name has been redacted, it will not be included on the noncertified copy of the original birth record provided to the adopted individual.

In addition to the NRR form, birthparents must also complete the Pennsylvania Adoption Information Registry's **Birth Parent/Birth Parent Survivor Authorization to Release Information and Registration Form** (CY 910). To meet the requirements of the NRR process, you must complete at a minimum Sections I, II or III, and VI of this form (CY 910). This form must be on file with the Pennsylvania Adoption Information Registry for them to accept and process the Name Redaction Request Form.

Information for Adoptees Regarding Act 127

To access the non-certified copy of their original birth record, individuals who are adopted must submit an **Adoptee's Application for Noncertified Copy of Original Birth Record**. Eligible applicants include the adopted individual who is at least 18 years of age and the lineal descendants of the adopted individual. No other individuals, including adoptive parents or birthparents, will be considered eligible.

Forms should be submitted to:

**Dept. Of Health
Division of Vital Records
Attn: Adoptee Applications
P.O. Box 1528
New Castle, PA 16103-1528**