

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES TITLE IV-D POLICY MANUAL	
	Chapter 9: Paternity Establishment	Effective Date: 08/19/2020
	Section 4: Genetic Testing	Version: 2 Revision Date: 08/19/2020

BACKGROUND

Federal regulations require States to identify and use genetic testing laboratories through competitive procurement process.¹ The Indiana Child Support Bureau (CSB) coordinates periodic competitive procurements and maintains contracts with selected vendors who offer low cost genetic testing services for Title IV-D cases in Indiana. CSB pays for genetic testing in Title IV-D cases when the Title IV-D Prosecutor’s Office uses a CSB approved vendor and submits an Authorization/Request for Genetic Testing Services form (State Form 54716).

POLICY

The Title IV-D Prosecutor’s Office shall provide genetic testing services in a Title IV-D case when paternity is not established and genetic testing is requested by any party or ordered by the Court.²

The Title IV-D Prosecutor’s Office shall enlist the services of a CSB approved vendor. CSB will not pay any vendor that is not under contract. CSB will pay the approved vendor the cost of genetic testing for Title IV-D cases and an order should not be sought for one or both of the parties to reimburse CSB for these fees.

If genetic testing is ordered by the Court or requested by a party on a non-IV-D (NIVD) case, one of the parties must apply for Title IV-D services prior to the genetic test samples being taken.

When paternity is already established in a Title IV-D case via a paternity affidavit or court order, it is not appropriate to use the genetic testing service provided by CSB.

REFERENCES

- [IC 31-14-6-1](#): Blood or genetic testing
- [IC 31-14-6-2](#): Objections and admissibility
- [IC 31-14-6-3](#): Test results; effect; admissibility
- [IC 31-14-6-4](#): Costs of blood or genetic testing
- [IC 31-14-6-5](#): Chain of custody of blood or genetic specimens taken for testing
- [IC 31-25-4-18](#): Orders for genetic testing to establish paternity; income withholding
- [45 C.F.R. § 303.5](#): Establishment of paternity

¹ 45 C.F.R. § 303.5(c)

² IC 31-14-6-1; IC 31-25-4-18(a); Chapter 9: Paternity Establishment, Section 2: Administrative Establishment of Paternity

PROCEDURE

1. Genetic Testing Vendor Designation

Prior to scheduling any paternity action for genetic testing the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office selects and enters into an agreement with a genetic testing vendor under contract with CSB through the statewide genetic testing procurement. The Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office and genetic testing vendor completes and signs a Genetic Testing Vendor Designation form and sends a copy of the Genetic Testing Vendor Designation form to CSB and to the chosen vendor.

2. Scheduling the Test

The Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office may establish local arrangements for obtaining buccal swab samples with the CSB approved vendor of the county's choice. The Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office is strongly encouraged to make local arrangements for genetic testing so that genetic tests may be scheduled or buccal swabs may be collected as quickly as possible. If the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office chooses to obtain buccal swab samples and send them to the vendor for testing, the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office shall establish chain of custody through appropriate verified documentation.³

3. Authorization for Payment of Genetic Testing

To authorize payment for genetic testing, the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office must complete the Authorization/Request for Genetic Testing Services form (State Form 54716). The case must be coded as Title IV-D and the case number must be included on the Authorization/Request for Genetic Testing Services form (State Form 54716). The "Certification" section is to be signed by a designated authority in the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office. The completed form is sent to the CSB approved genetic testing vendor.

4. Genetic Testing Vendor

The genetic testing vendor sends the Authorization/Request for Genetic Testing Services Form (State Form 54716) to CSB for payment. The results of the genetic test are sent to the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office who authorized the test. The genetic testing vendor may also send copies of the results to the parties, or their legal counsel, if requested and information is provided. CSB pays the genetic testing vendor directly.

5. Genetic Test Results

Genetic test results are admissible as evidence of paternity without foundation testimony or other proof.⁴ A party may object to the admissibility of genetic test results by filing a written objection at least 30 days prior to the scheduled hearing in which the test results may be offered as evidence.⁵ Results of the genetic test are admissible in Court as evidence of paternity unless the Court excludes the results for good cause.⁶

³ IC 31-14-6-5

⁴ IC 31-14-6-2

⁵ IC 31-14-6-2

⁶ IC 31-14-6-3

FORMS AND TOOLS

1. [Authorization/Request for Genetic Testing Services form \(State Form 54716\)](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Q. Should the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office request an order for a party to repay the cost of the genetic testing?

A. No. CSB pays the genetic testing fee. The parties are no longer required to repay the cost of the genetic testing.
2. Q. Since the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office will no longer be requiring a case participant to pay for the cost of genetic testing, does the Title IV-D Prosecutor's Office still need to complete the Authorization/Request for Genetic Testing Services Form (State Form 54716)?

A. Yes. The Title IV-D Prosecutor must still complete the Authorization/Request for Genetic Testing Services Form (State Form 54716) because the genetic testing vendor forwards this form to CSB for CSB to pay the genetic testing vendor.

RELATED INFORMATION

N/A

REVISION HISTORY

Version	Date	Description of Revision
Version 1	11/17/2017	Final Approved Version
Version 2	08/19/2020	Updated to reflect that we are no longer obtaining orders for genetic testing fee reimbursement.