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ILLINOIS ADOPTION REGISTRY and MEDICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Illinois Adoption Registry and the Medical Information Exchange are two programs run by the State of Illinois, Department of Public Health, and Division of Vital Records. **You can choose whether to give information to these programs.**

The Adoption Registry is a way for you to allow or to stop the release of information that identifies you as the parent of the baby to people involved in the baby's adoption. If you want to participate in this program, you provide information including the baby's birth certificate. Information from the Registry can only be shared with registrants (people who complete the adoption registry forms) only if two specified parties to the adoption both file written documents agreeing to share the information.

The Medical Information Exchange program allows you to share important medical information about your family (and/or the baby) with the adopted baby or the baby's adopted parent(s) or legal guardian(s). It also allows the adopted baby (or the adopted parent(s) or guardian(s)) to share important medical information with you. This information is anonymous so it will not be used to identify you as the birth parent or the baby as your child. It is your choice to share this information. You can add new information or change it at anytime.

For more information about either program, call the Illinois Adoption Registry TOLL FREE in Illinois at (877) 323-5299 or at (217) 557-5159. You may also visit them online at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/vital/iladoptreg.htm>.