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Oklahoma Safe Haven Law



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10A O. S. § 1-2-109. Relinquishment of child 7 days or younger to medical services provider or child rescuer.

A parent shall not be prosecuted for child abandonment or child neglect under the provisions of any statute which makes child abandonment or child neglect a crime, when the allegations are based solely on the relinquishment of a child seven (7) days of age or younger to a medical services provider or a child rescuer.

“Medical services provider” means...

a person authorized to practice the healing arts, including a physician’s assistant or nurse practitioner, a registered or practical nurse, and a nurse aide.

“Child rescuer” means...

any employee or other designated person on duty at a police station, fire station, child protective services agency, hospital, or other medical facility.

Does the parent have to provide any information to the medical services provider/child rescuer?

The medical services provider or child rescuer can ask for, but not demand any information about the child. This includes medical history for the child or the parent(s) of the child.

What happens to the parent(s) giving up the infant to a medical services provider/child rescuer?

A parent will not be arrested or charged for child neglect or child abandonment.

What happens to the child?

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) will assume custody after obtaining a court order.

Can a parent(s) get the child back?

A parent(s) can ask for the child’s return. The parent(s) would need to contact his or her local DHS office to begin this process. <http://www.okdhs.org>

Counseling resources are available statewide by calling 211.

The medical services provider or child rescuer will detach the family history section and provide the information to DHS.

Mother: _____

Mother Medical History: _____

Father: _____

Father Medical History: _____

Infant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Infant Medical History: _____

Relative Information: _____

Additional Information: _____
