

## PLEASE READ IF NOT LEGALLY MARRIED

If you are **NOT LEGALLY** married to the biological father of your child but you want him listed as the legal father on the birth certificate, here is information you will need to know:

When a baby is born to parents who are not legally married to each other, the Law does NOT recognize the biological father as a legal parent. In other words, a biological father who is not married to the mother of their child does NOT have legal rights to his child until he becomes the legal parent. Paternity must be established by completing a Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP).

If you are married to someone other than the biological father of the child, your husband is considered the presumed father and must complete the Denial of Paternity section.

If you were divorced within 300 days before your child's birth and a court order does not exclude your ex-husband as the father of the child, your ex-husband is considered the presumed father and must sign the Denial of Paternity section.

### Steps to Remember:

When you arrive for delivery, please mention to HCM staff that you need to complete an AOP. Our birth registrars will need this form to go along with your baby's birth certificate.

### Requirements:

Both parents must be present to sign.

Identification must be provided (does not require photo ID)

Acceptable forms of ID's:

- Valid or expired Driver's license, Passport, Work ID, Social Security card, Current Utility Bill, Student ID, Current Report Card, Credit/Debit Card, Any State Issued or Foreign ID.