



CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM  
POLICY & PROCEDURES

TITLE: ABANDONED NEWBORN / INFANT

SECTION: MEDICAL

POLICY NUMBER: B-1

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**PURPOSE:**

To comply with the Illinois Legislature Public Act 92-0408 and provide direction on the process of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers in the process of receiving, caring for and transporting newborns / infants relinquished at a hospital, fire station, municipal or county police station, or medical facility.

**POLICY:**

Under the Abandoned Newborn Protection act (325 ICLS2/20) a parent is allowed to relinquish a newborn infant who is less than 30 days of age to the above listed facilities. The parent may remain anonymous and is immune from liability when relinquishing the newborn infant when in compliance with the act. Each of the above listed facilities must accept and provide any necessary medical care to a newborn infant when relinquished. If the relinquishing parent returns to reclaim the child within 72 hours, the receiving EMS agency shall inform the parent to which hospital the newborn infant was transported. In the event a newborn infant is relinquished to a CDHEMSS agency, the following steps shall take place:

1. Ensure the well-being of the newborn infant, treat per any and all necessary Region 8 SOPs
2. Transport the newborn infant in a weight appropriate device to the nearest appropriate Emergency Department
3. Complete a Patient Care Report
  - a. The name for a male shall be entered as "Baby Boy" if no name provided
  - b. The name for a female shall be entered as "Baby Girl" if no name provided
  - c. The date of birth (DOB) shall be entered as an estimate based on the presentation of the child, with a note in the narrative stating the DOB is estimated
  - d. The address shall be listed as the drop off location of the newborn infant
4. Updated Patient Care Report
  - a. The Agency EMS Coordinator shall update the Patient Care Report if any of the above information is verified or updated by the receiving hospital or parent.

Immunity of facility and personnel: A hospital, police station, fire station or emergency medical facility, are immune from criminal or civil liability for acting in good faith in accordance with the Act (325 ILCS 2/27). Nothing in this act limits liability for negligence for the care and medical treatment.

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