

**Sec. 17b-179(m)-4. Establishment of paternity**

**(a) BCSE functions**

BCSE shall:

(1) identify and use laboratories which perform, at reasonable cost, legally and medically acceptable genetic tests which tend to identify the father or exclude the alleged father. BCSE shall make available a list of such laboratories to SED, the Attorney General's Office (AGO), family support magistrates, and the public upon request.

(2) in all IV-D cases in which paternity of a child has not been established, within 30 calendar days of locating the alleged father:

(A) establish legal paternity by obtaining an acknowledgment of paternity, or, if that fails,

(B) refer the case to the AGO for establishment of paternity and a support order by court action.

**(b) AGO functions**

The AGO shall, within 60 calendar days of receipt of a referral for paternity and support action from BCSE,

(1) file a verified paternity petition, refer the case to an authorized party for service of process, and complete service of process to establish paternity and support, or

(2) document unsuccessful attempts to serve process, despite diligent efforts to do so, in accordance with section 17b-179(m)-3.

**(c) Expedited process**

Cases requiring service under this section shall be completed, from the date of service of process to the date on which paternity and a support order are established or the court action is dismissed, within the following timeframes:

(1) 75% within 6 months and

(2) 90% within 12 months.

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