

Changing Gender on Birth Certificates

AMENDING THE SEX INDICATOR ON MINNESOTA BIRTH RECORDS

Background

Accurate birth records are a priority for the Office of Vital Records. Birth records contain a lot of information and some of that information—certification items—print on a certificate. Certification items include a subject's:

- First, middle, and last name
- Date of birth
- Time of birth
- Plurality (single, twin, triplet, etc.)
- Sex
- Place of birth (name of hospital or facility, city, county, state)
- Parent's name (first, middle, last)
- Parent's name at birth (mother's name before first marriage)
- Parent's date of birth
- Parent's place of birth

Making changes

Sometimes birth records need to be changed. You may correct or add certification items within one year of the subject's birth, and before a certificate is issued. After one year and after a certificate has been issued, the change is an amendment. Amendments require a completed application, supporting documentation, and a \$40 fee.

Requirements

To change the sex of the subject on a Minnesota birth record, the requestor must submit a completed Birth Record

Amendment Application available online at www.health.state.mn.us. The requestor must also submit *either* of the following:

- Medical certification of appropriate clinical treatment for gender transition in the form of an original letter from a licensed physician. The letter must identify the subject using subject's name and date of birth on the current birth record.
- Certified copy of a court order that specifically directs amendment of the subject's sex on the birth record. The order may also direct the amendment of the subject's name on the birth record.

Amendments may change the sex indicator from one gender to another such as male to female or female to male. Amendments are noted on future certifications. A variation to Minnesota Administrative Rule is necessary to make other changes to the sex indicator.

More information

If you have questions about changing a Minnesota birth record, please contact the Office of Vital Records.

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