

## OHA, Public Health Division, Center for Health Statistics Rule Advisory Committee (RAC)

### Overview

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division, Center for Health Statistics is convening a Rule Advisory Committee (RAC) to review proposed amendments to OAR chapter 333, divisions 011.

### Proposed New Rule Drafts:

- 0212 – Standards of Reporting
- 0262 - Adding Parents on Birth Report who Intend to Marry or Enter into Domestic Partnership
- 0266 Witness Acknowledgement of Parentage 0267 Notarized Acknowledgement of Parentage
- 0267 Notarized Voluntary Acknowledgment of Parentage (Notarized AOP)
- 0268 Denial of Parentage
- 0269 Rescission of Acknowledgment or Denial of Parentage
- 0276 Registration of Births under a Gestational Surrogacy Agreement

These rules will amend [OAR 333-011-0275](#) New record after adoption, legitimation, paternity determination, and paternity acknowledgment or change of sex, [OAR 333-011-0230](#) Registering Live Births that Occur Outside a Facility More Than One Year after the Date of Birth, and repeals OAR 333-011-0270 Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity, this rule text has been amended and added to OAR 333-011-0266 and OAR 333-011-0267.

The purpose of this RAC is to consider the proposed rules so that the program can adequately evaluate Uniform Parentage using relevant methods before proceeding with a permanent rulemaking.

The goal is to have these rules completed and operative January 1, 2027, at which time the Senate Bill goes into effect.

## Purpose

The RAC will be used to seek input and suggestions on amending administrative rules prior to giving notice of intent to amend administrative rules with the Secretary of State's office. The RAC will also be used to seek input on the potential fiscal and economic impact of the proposed rulemaking on affected persons, including whether changes will have a significant adverse impact on small business. Additionally, the RAC will consider how the adoption of these rules will affect racial equity in Oregon.

The RAC's role is advisory only and consensus is not necessary. In accordance with OHA policy, the Center for Health Statistics will consider the RAC's input for possible integration into the final rule.

## Membership

Members of the RAC have been identified based on interests of people and communities most likely to be affected by the proposed rules and include representation from hospitals and health facilities, professional or trade associations, and consumers of services or consumer advocates for surrogacy, adoptions and parentage.

In accordance with OHA policy, outside entities may send one representative to participate in the RAC.

Additional representation may be considered based on the topics under consideration

## What to Expect as a RAC Member?

RAC members are asked to attend meetings regularly via remote participation (Microsoft Teams). If RAC members are unable to attend a meeting, they should consider whether someone else should be identified to serve. If a RAC member is sick or something unexpected comes up, a designated substitute may attend the meeting in their place. OHA is unable to compensate RAC members for their participation.

The Center for Health Statistics section will provide the RAC with material to review prior to each meeting. Material will consist of proposed administrative rules, relevant state or federal regulations, and other material as determined necessary.

Center for Health Statistics staff members(s) will lead the meeting and summarize each section of rules with proposed changes. RAC members will be given an opportunity to provide input and comments on each section, ask questions, explain concerns, propose new language, and voice their opinion.

Most revisions will occur during RAC meetings, while others may take place between meetings through

email. RAC members will be kept informed of any proposed changes.

Meeting notes will be drafted after each meeting and will reflect matters discussed. Notes will be distributed to RAC members and interested parties prior to the next scheduled meeting, if time allows.

All written correspondence received from RAC members is considered public record and all comments received during the RAC process will be posted online.

### Public participation

Meetings of the RAC are open to the public but are not subject to the public meeting law.

Members of the public may attend to observe but may not participate during the discussions.

Public comments may be submitted to the Center for Health Statistics staff by email following each RAC meeting or during the official public comment period scheduled later. All written public comments received are considered public records and will be posted online.

### Communication between the RAC and Center for Health Statistics Staff

RAC members are encouraged to communicate information or concerns directly with staff which may be provided to all RAC members.

### Timeline

Two RAC meetings have been scheduled:

- July 14, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Pacific Time)
- July 21, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Pacific Time)
- July 28, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Pacific Time)

The Center for Health Statistics section intends to hold a public hearing and obtain public comment in October 2026.

### Next Steps After RAC Meetings

After the RAC meeting(s) have concluded, program staff will consider all information provided, make any additional amendments, and file final proposed rules with the Secretary of State's office. Interested parties will be notified about the opportunity to provide written or oral public comments.

When the public comment period has closed, program staff will review all public comments submitted orally at the public hearing or in writing, respond to comments received, and consider whether additional changes to the rule are necessary based on the comments

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received.

Final rule text will be filed with the Secretary of State's office, and an effective date is set for January 1, 2027.

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