

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 10: Children

Chapter 2A: Uniform Adoption Act

§ 60.17. Confidential character of hearings and records—Release of medical history

Cite as: 10 CNCA § 60.17

A. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all hearings held in proceedings pursuant to the Uniform Adoption Act shall be confidential and shall be held in closed court without admittance of any person other than interested parties and their counsel.

B. All papers and records including the original medical history forms pertaining to the adoption shall be kept as a permanent record of the Court and withheld from inspection except as otherwise provided by this section. No person shall have access to such records except upon order of the Judge of the Court in which the decree of adoption was entered, for good cause shown.

C. All files and records pertaining to said adoption proceedings shall be confidential and withheld from inspection except upon order of the Court for good cause shown. The adopted child may upon petition of the Court obtain his adoption records.

D. 1. Cherokee Nation, any certified adoption agency or any licensed child-placing agency having custody of a child who is legally available for adoption is authorized to release the medical history, available to the department or such agency, of the child, of the natural parents of the child and of the grandparents of the child to prospective parents of the adoptive child.

2. The release of any medical history of the natural parents of the child or the natural grandparents of the child shall be released in such a way that no person can be identified.

3. The medical history may include the information received pursuant to 10 CNCA § 60.5A or any other medical information or records regarding the child obtained by the department or agency during the custody of the child.